

These minutes will be considered for approval at the Planning Commission meeting of 10-18-17.

**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE
PLANNING COMMISSION
October 4, 2017 @ 6:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers
100 Avenida Presidio
San Clemente, CA 92672**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Brown called the Study Session of the Planning Commission of the City of San Clemente to order at 6:09 p.m. in City Council Chambers, located at 100 Avenida Presidio, San Clemente, CA 92672.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Jim Ruehlin, Michael Smith, Zhen Wu; Chair pro tem Michael Blackwell, Vice Chair Barton Crandell, Chair Donald Brown

Commissioners Absent: Jason Talley

Staff Present: Amber Gregg, City Planner
Amy Stonich, Contract Planner
Cecilia Gallardo-Daly, Community Development Director
Eileen White, Recording Secretary

AGENDA

A. Murals (Stonich)

On May 16, 2017, the City Council directed City Planning staff to initiate a zoning amendment for regulation of murals on private property. This was in response to new murals that have recently been installed on private property commercial buildings without the appropriate permits.

Staff has researched options to address murals and painted signs for this study session with the Planning Commission. The purpose of this Study Session is to provide updates on current case law regarding murals and painted signs and to explore options available for addressing these within the City.

Amy Stonich, Contract Planner, narrated a PowerPoint Presentation entitled, "Private Property Murals and Painted Signs," dated October 4, 2017. A copy of the Presentation is on file in Planning Division.

COMMISSION COMMENT

Comments reflect the opinions of individual Commissioners and do not necessarily indicate consensus:

- Concern that murals will reflect the commercial, political, controversial, etc. opinions of the painter.
- Suggestion to address any issue when it comes about rather than trying to regulate content before it appears.
- Suggestion that a Mural Art Committee be formed to review proposed art before it is painted.
- Difficulties associated with regulating personal taste, quality of art and materials, art style preferences, censorship, Freedom of Speech, etc.
- Requested clear definitions for murals and signs.
- Requested a presentation from BB&K reviewing case law on signs and murals.

RECESS – The Commission recessed until 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald Brown, Chair

Attest:



Amber Gregg, City Planner

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