Mural Task Force
CITY OF WORTHINGTON

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Task Force Goal & Mission:

- Provide City Council a recommendation on policy options for a process related to murals in Worthington.
City of Worthington Architectural Review District
1170.01 Purpose and Intent.

• The purpose of these sign regulations is to encourage the proper development and use of signage and to permit and regulate signs in such a way as to support and complement land-use objectives set forth in the Zoning Ordinance. In addition to protecting from distractions and obstructions that can contribute to traffic and pedestrian accidents, it is the intent of these regulations to control and regulate signs to prevent them from becoming a nuisance factor to adjacent properties and the community in general. To protect the general health, safety and welfare, and to protect and encourage a more attractive economic, business and overall physical appearance of the community, all signage is subject to the regulations that follow in this chapter.

1170.02 Definitions and Provisions.

• “Sign” means any device, structure, material or combination of these intended to advertise or draw attention to such items as business names, organization names, real estate, buildings or structures, products, services or entertainment.

1170.03 Design Requirements.

• (d) Colors. Not more than four colors, including black and white, shall be used on any sign.
Background & History:

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) heard two separate applications for murals in Old Worthington on October 26, 2017.

- Old Worthington Partnership
- Representative Mike Duffey
Background & History:

The Architectural Review Board (ARB) reviewed and ultimately denied both applications.

- The Board felt that they needed guidance from City Council, and that their needed to be a greater discussion in the community as it pertains to permitting murals in Worthington before they felt comfortable approving a mural in the Architectural Review District.
644-654 High Street
455 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.
EXISTING WOOD PAINTED TO RESEMBLE STONE

EXISTING BRICK

EXISTS. WO. SIDING PAINTED

EAST ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

EXISTING WINDOWS

NORTH ELEVATION 1/8" = 1'-0"

PROPOSED EXTERIOR FOR THE YAPPY GREEK RESTAURANT

MURAL

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DATE 7-7-17
Mural Discussion Items:

• Murals –
  – Legally **not** permitted to regulate the content and the design of a mural.
    • First Amendment Rights Discussion
  – Yes or No
    • If we are ok with not being able to regulate the content and design, here is a list of questions for discussion:
      1. Location:
         1. Citywide
         2. Only outside of Old Worthington
         3. Only outside of the Architectural Review District
         4. Only in Old Worthington
2. Commercial Areas & Residential Areas:
   – Where should they be permitted?

3. Visibility:
   – High Street
   – Granville Road (SR-161)
   – Village Green
   – Other areas

4. Number of murals permitted in an area:
   – Can we legally limit the number of murals?

5. Types of buildings murals can be placed on in the future:
   – Painting or attaching murals – does this change the character of the building and the architecture?
     » Historic Structures
     » Brick and Stone Structures
     » Wood Structures
     » Etc.....
6. Dimensional Requirements:
   – Overall size – appropriate for the building & site

7. Maintenance:
   – Property owner would be responsible.

8. Timeframe:
   – Yearly
   – 5-years
   – Forever
   – Etc....
Discussion Items:

• Public Murals
  – Public Buildings
    • Process for reviewing proposed murals on a public building.
    • Able to have some control related to the content & design.
  – Publically funded on a non-public building
    • Process for review
    • Easements on buildings for murals
      – Portland, OR
    • Able to have some control related to the content & design.
Next Steps:

• Next meeting date & time for the group?
• Homework for the group.
  – Examples from other jurisdictions:
    • Savannah, GA
    • Johnson City, TN
    • Portsmouth, OH
    • Bucyrus, OH
    • Ellensburg, WA
    • Portland, OR
Questions?