

**Rome-Floyd Historic Preservation Commission Agenda**

**Location:** City Hall Sam King Room and Zoom

**Date:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023

**Time:** 2:30 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Convened:** 2:30 p.m. by Chair Clonts

**Determination of Quorum** (4 of 7 needed)

P – Present A – Absent Z – Zoom	<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>Notes</u>		<u>STAFF</u>
P	Paula Blalock		P	Frank Beacham or <u>John Hawkins</u> - City Atty
P	David Clonts	Chair	P	Brittany Griffin – Senior Planner, HP Planning
P	Beth Dunay		P	Jalene Franks – Bldg Official
P	Logan Boss		P	Art Newell – Dir, Planning Dept
P	Jake Hager		P	Elaina Beeman – City Commissioner
A	Millie Kim		P	Meredith Ulmer – Asst City Mgr
A	Mandy Maloney		P	Brice Wood – Asst Director, Planning Dept
			P	Michelle Kite – Planning & Zoning Coordinator, Planning Dept

Public (from the sign-in sheet):

**Jimmy Byars, Joy Reeves, MH Thornton**

**Welcome and Introduction of Visitors**

Chair Clonts welcomed the public to the meeting and requested that all visitors sign in.

**Approval of March 2023 Agenda**

Boss motioned to approve which was seconded by Blalock. The agenda was approved by common consent.

**Approval of Minutes from the January 2023 Meeting**

Boss made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Hager and approved by common consent.

**CITY OF ROME CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS APPLICATIONS:**

**COA 813-23: 330 Broad Street: Between the Rivers Historic District**

Senior Planner Brittany Griffin presented the staff report and the application to the Commission and the public. Chair Clonts opened the public hearing.

No one was present to speak in favor of the application. No one was present to speak in opposition.

Chair Clonts closed the public hearing and opened it up for Commission comments. Clonts: Does applicant plan to rebrick façade and take back to original? If façade is to come off, will need scaffolding plan for pedestrian safety on Broad Street and structural analysis, may require a timeline with a proper plan. Hager motioned to table the application until April 19, 2023 meeting including the signage portion of application, which Dunay seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

	<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>MEMBER</u>
	M – Motion S – Second		F – For    A – Against AB – Abstained
<b>F</b>	Paula Blalock	<b>M</b>	Jake Hager
<b>F</b>	David Clonts		Mandy Maloney
<b>S</b>	Beth Dunay	<b>F</b>	Logan Boss
	Millie Kim		

**COA 814-23: 415 East 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue: Between the Rivers Historic District**

Senior Planner Brittany Griffin presented the staff report and the application to the Commission and the public. Chair Clonts opened the public hearing.

Joseph Vargo provided video presentation since he was unable to attend in person. Video described the mural as an interactive piece, lifts and inspires, tourism component and gives voice to community as a positive conduit. An acrylic base coat will be used and the mural applied with ink art pens. It will include a graffiti varnish to keep from being damaged by graffiti and will wash off with soap and water. Mural will be facing 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. The owner will assume maintenance of the mural. Weather permitting, the mural painting will take place May 11 – May 14 and will have a barricade to protect artist while work is being completed. Jimmy Byars spoke in favor as well, that the artist will get us on the map. The owner lives next door to the location for the mural and there are 40 parking spaces plus gravel parking in the back. Joy Reeves also spoke in favor. She works for Dr. Vargo and it is a great interactive piece that will include the clock tower, rainbow, bees, sunflower, happy emoji and honeycomb throughout. Mary Hardin spoke to the social media aspect and accessibility. Kristi Kent also spoke in favor that the project will bring international attention for tourism.

Senior Planner Griffin noted that any changes that were sent to Dr. Vargo in regard to mural guideline updates have been accommodating to the updates he was provided. He has met what would be best representation of what we are setting as guidelines.

Chair Clonts closed the public hearing and opened it up for Commission comments. Boss motioned to approve, which Blalock seconded. Hager abstained. The motion passed 4-0.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Senior Planner Griffin discussed mural guidelines and changes to be made. It is a working copy and changes have been made as brought to attention.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Blalock made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Boss. The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm by common consent.

Next Public meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission: The next regular monthly meeting will be Wednesday, **April 19, 2023**, at 2:30 pm, in the Sam King Room in City Hall, 601 Broad Street.