

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 * RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CITY OF PACIFIC
OPERATIONS COMMISSION
300 Hoven Drive
PACIFIC, MO. 63069

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Alderman Eversmeyer and took place at City Hall.

Present at Roll Call: Alderman Rahn
 Alderman Frick

A quorum was present.

Others present: Nancy Omer, Bonnie Post, Herb Coffey, Harold Sater, Administrator Roth, City Clerk Barfield.

Election of Chair and Vice-Chairman

Alderman Frick nominated Alderman Eversmeyer as the Chair, seconded by Alderman Rahn. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

Alderman Rahn elected Alderman Frick as the vice-chair, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

New Business

a. Mural at First & Osage St.

Nancy Omer, 313 E. Franklin St. stated that Route 66 turns 100 years old in 2026. In Missouri Congress established "An Act" directing the Secretary of Transportation to prepare a plan on the preservation needs of Route 66. H.R. 66 was passed out. She has been proposing a mural on the concrete wall at First & Osage. She is proposing iconic vehicles from the 1930's to the 1960's be on the wall. Administrator Roth reminded everyone that MoDot owns the wall and this would need a permit.

Herb Coffey, 303 N. First St., stated he lives where the wall tarts. The last thing we need is something there to stop traffic. He believes it would be an eyesore and is against this.

Harold Sater, 111 W. Osage, stated he has lived there 46 years and is the second house up the hill. Living there is like living in a fish bowl and a mural would cause more attention. His main concern is traffic. This is a busy intersection. An attraction like this will have people stopping taking pictures, maybe climbing his stairs etc. This area still maintains a

flavor of the older town and he believes it would be out of place. Osage St. does not get you out of town. He continued that there are four property owners and one of them this has not been discussed with.

Nancy Omer stated that Harold has a beautiful iron gate at the top and she had proposed that one be installed at the bottom to match that. She made it a point to talk to all three of the owners three years ago, and she understands people change their minds. The other property owner was abandoned at that time.

Chairman Eversmeyer stated the property the City owns on the corner of First St. and Rt. 66 he thought may be a good idea to build a 6' wall towards the back of the property and have a small parking area with a mural. Alderman Frick also thought at Jensen Point this would be a good location with a parking lot already there. Administrator Roth stated these ideas would eliminate the need for the MoDot permit. Chairman Eversmeyer stated if we do it on the proposed corner that Nancy is suggesting, where are people going to pull off and park?

Bonnie Post, 1697 Andrew Lane, Pacific MO shared a Power Point presentation of different artists and examples of their work. She is the temporary chair of the Beautification Committee and they have also discussed murals and the jersey barriers in front of Blackburn Park. There is one artist that works with accepting grants to get these done, and there are others from Marthasville, Hannibal and Washington. Discussion followed.

Alderman Frick suggested this committee work with the Beautification Committee on this project. Committee members agreed. This committee will try to attend the next Beautification Committee to start discussing this more.

Administrator Roth stated there is currently no budget for a project like this.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Rahn, seconded by Alderman Frick to adjourn. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result and the motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.