



Project Name/Address: 924 Williamson Street
Application Type: Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations in an historic district
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Summary

Project Applicant/Contact: Sharon Kilfoy, Marquette Neighborhood Association
Requested Action: The Applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alterations in a historic district.

Background Information

Parcel Location: The subject site is located in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District

Relevant Landmarks Ordinance Sections:

33.19(11)(g) Guideline Criteria for Exterior Alteration in the Third Lake Ridge Historic District - Parcels Zoned for Commercial Use.

1. Alterations of the height of any existing structure shall be visually compatible with the buildings and environment within its visually related area.
2. Alterations of the street facade(s) of any existing structure shall retain the original or existing historical rhythm of solids and voids.
3. Alterations of the street facade(s) of any existing structure shall retain the original or existing historical materials.
4. Alterations of the roof of any existing structure shall retain its existing historical appearance.

The Sign Ordinance states:

33.03(2) Rules and Definitions

Mural. A picture illustration or abstract expression containing no commercial message applied directly to and made integral with a wall or window surface.

Analysis and Conclusion

The Applicant is requesting to have murals painted on the east, west and north walls of the building at 924 Williamson Street. The building is a more modern building within the historic district boundary.

The Third Lake Ridge section of the Landmarks Ordinance does not address the specific type of exterior alteration being requested by the Applicant. Because the mural is being located on a commercial building, it is important that the subject matter of the mural not be interpreted as signage. Staff believes the concept of murals on the existing building meets the intent of the Landmarks Ordinance.

Recommendation

Staff believes that the standards for granting a Certificate of Appropriateness are met and recommends approval by the Landmarks Commission.