

CULTURAL COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Meeting Date: October 26, 2015

Agenda Item Number: 3A

Applicant: Kyle Horvath, Mural Project Spokesman
Vern L. Krahn, Senior Park Planner

Request: **For Possible Action:** To support the Downtown Business Association's mural project located at the northeast corner of Curry Street and Ann Street.

General Discussion:

The Downtown Business Association (DBA) has set aside funds for community improvement projects. The first project was cooperating with the Parks and Recreation Department to keep the lights up year round on the downtown light posts on Carson Street. After the DBA's funds were replenished, the board began to discuss its next project. Since public art is a top priority of many, the board entered into conversations with the City about the various possibilities to address this issue.

Through this conversation a mural project was chosen. The location for this project is a small wall adjacent to the north side of a City-owned parking lot at the northeast corner of Curry Street and Ann Street (Refer to Pictures / Exhibit A & B). This wall was defined as an "easy win" by both the City and DBA board. At that time, research was conducted by the Brewery Arts Center and the Capital City Arts Initiative to see what an appropriate budget would be for a wall that size. The cost estimates that came back were between \$500 and \$2,500. Based on that information, the DBA's board adopted a budget of \$2000 for the project.

They now are at the point to do a call for artists and gather portfolios of interested applicants. Through this process, they will be looking for an artist style they like and then begin working with that artist to create the mural's design. Once a mural design has been developed they will return to the Commission at that time to update the Commission on the progress of the project, to raise Community awareness about this project, and to allow the Commission and the public to address any concerns about the mural's design concept.

The DBA is seeking the Cultural Commission's support on this project. Kyle Horvath, who is spearheading this project with the DBA, will be present at the meeting to give a project overview and to answer any questions the Commission may have about this project.

Recommended Action: I move to support the Downtown Business Association's mural project located at the northeast corner of Curry Street and Ann Street.

Exhibit A

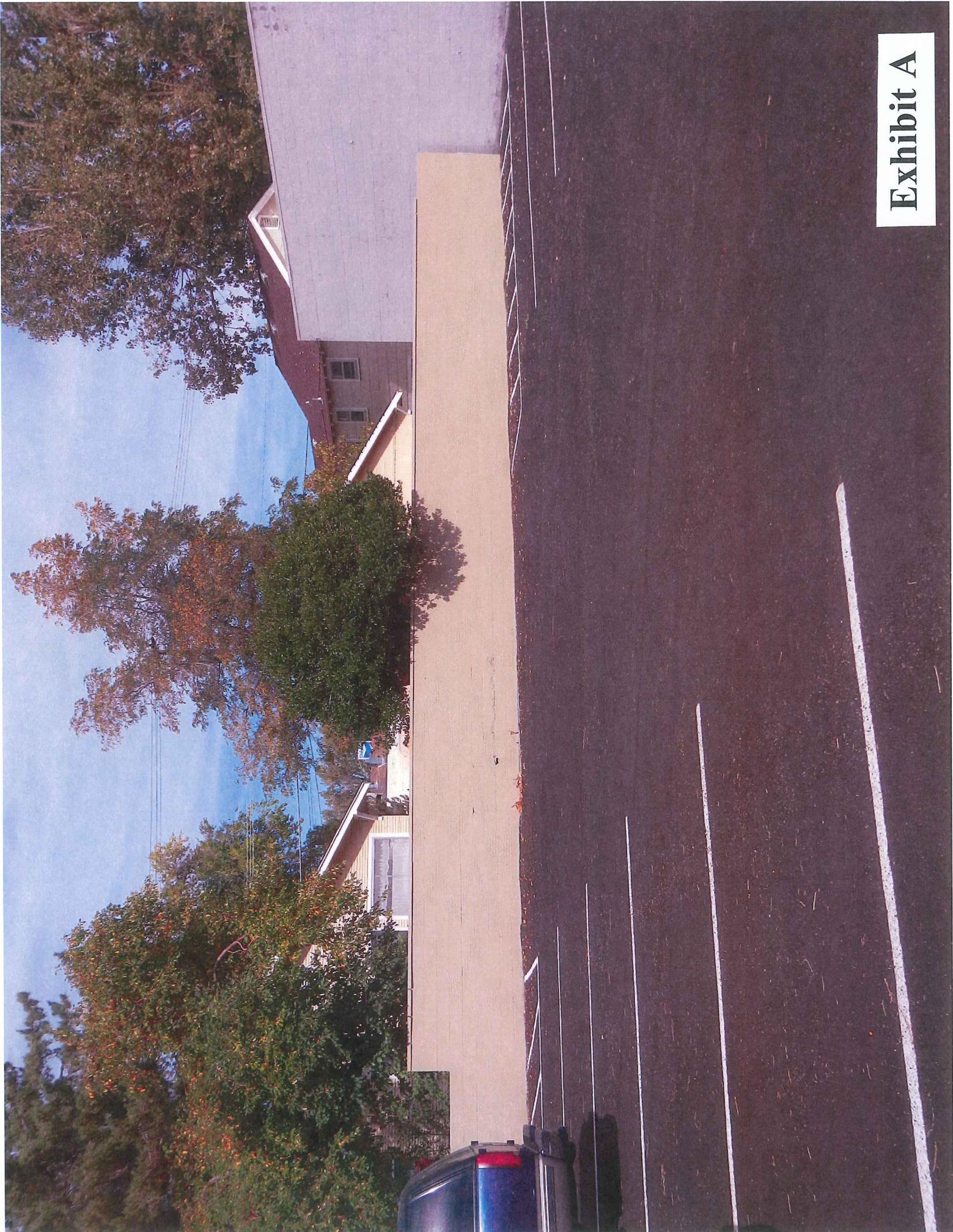


Exhibit B

