

Lompoc City Council Agenda Item



City Council Meeting Date: May 16, 2006

TO: Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator

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SUBJECT: Lompoc Mural Project (Planning Division File No. DR 06-04)

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council:

- 1) Certify the attached Negative Declaration; and
- 2) Approve the proposed sites for murals as part of the scope of the Citywide mural project that are foreseeable in the reasonable future.

AUTHORITY:

On September 20, 1988, the City Council took action to “accept the Mural Project as a City project, and gave permission to apply for a funding grant, with the understanding that whenever significant money was spent for the Project, that item would be brought to the Council prior to expenditure of funds”.

BACKGROUND:

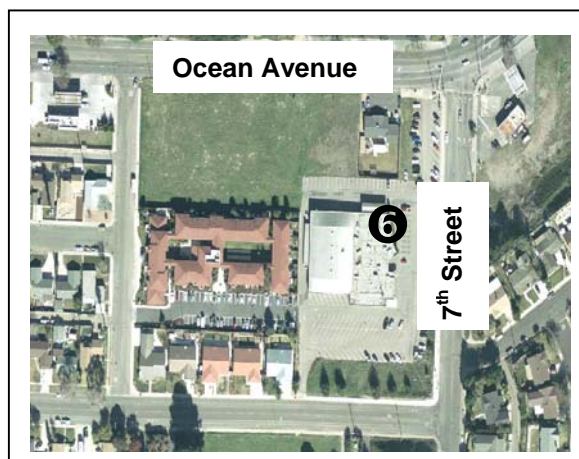
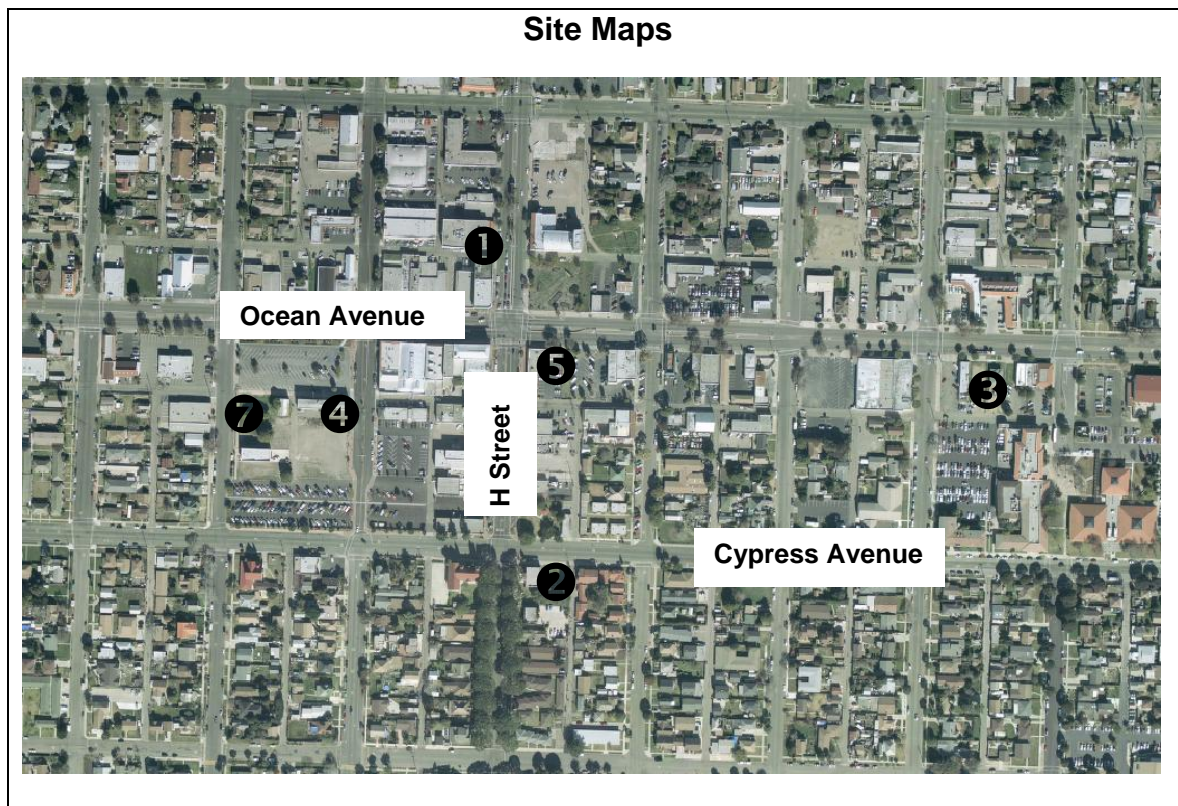
The Lompoc Mural Society began construction of an “Outdoor Art Gallery” in 1988. The original mission of the Mural Society was to increase tourism for the City of Lompoc and improve the quality of the old downtown. The Mural Society, together with the City of Lompoc, has enjoyed much success in this effort and the project has gained community acceptance and recognition. In addition, the project’s recognition has expanded well into other parts of California, and nationally. The City of Lompoc has become a stopping point between San Francisco and Los Angeles for large tour bus companies, and in 2005, a total of 319 tour buses booked tours of the mural project, with 25 requesting step-on guides.

The Mural Society has commissioned 48 of the current 100 plus murals with the remainder murals being a product of the Mural Society’s annual Mural-in-a-Day event, joint partnership arrangements with the Santa Barbara County Arts Commission, the Community Canvas program, private commissions, and Art Alley, where local artists have donated many of the murals. The Lompoc Mural Society has received requests from a number of building owners for placement of murals and has identified several favorable sites for the location of future murals. It should be noted that ten percent of all

fund-raising monies are set aside for maintenance of these murals, as directed by Council. (2005 Mural Statistics provided by Gene Stevens of the Lompoc Mural Society)

PROPOSED SITES:

The current proposal involves consideration of eight additional sites in the City of Lompoc. Should murals be placed at these locations, the number of mural sites would be approximately 125, which reasonably falls within the scope of the project. The proposed site locations are shown below:



- 1) 115 North H Street (Lompoc Record, north wall)
Assessor Parcel Number: 85-121-04
Zoning: Old Town Commercial (OTC)
Land Use Designation: Old Town Commercial
- 2) 200 South H Street (Lompoc Museum, adjacent to and parallel to alley behind museum)
Assessor Parcel Number: 85-202-15 *Identified as City Landmark No. 1 in
Zoning: Commercial Office (CO) Cultural Resources Study
Land Use Designation: Community Facility
- 3) 400 East Ocean Avenue (Hi Restaurant, east wall and wall on south-west end of building)
Assessor Parcel Number: 85-172-01
Zoning: Central Business (C2)
Land Use Designation: Office Commercial
- 4) 111 South I Street (Chamber of Commerce, south wall)
Assessor Parcel Number: 91-103-06 *Identified as City Landmark No. 2 in
Zoning: Old Town Commercial (OTC) Cultural Resources Study
Land Use Designation: Old Town Commercial
- 5) 100 East Ocean Avenue (First American Title Co., south wall)
Assessor Parcel Number: 85-162-01
Zoning: Old Town Commercial (OTC)
Land Use Designation: Old Town Commercial
- 6) 1420 East Ocean Avenue (Lompoc Bowling Alley, east, north, and west walls)
Assessor Parcel Number: 85-150-17
Zoning: Planned Commercial Development (PCD)
Land Use Designation: General Commercial
- 7) 114 South J Street (Storage Shed, north wall)
Assessor Parcel Number: 91-103-16
Zoning: Old Town Commercial (OTC)
Land Use Designation: Old Town Commercial
- 8) 820 North H Street (Mid State Bank, north and west walls)
Assessor Parcel Number: 87-031-05
Zoning: Planned Commercial Development (PCD)
Land Use Designation: General Commercial

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Based upon the results of the attached Initial Environmental Study, a Negative Declaration has been prepared for Council review and certification pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed following the Council action.

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Attachments:

1. Initial [Environmental Study](#) and [Negative Declaration](#)

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

Arleen T. Pelster, AICP, Community Development Director

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Gary P. Keefe, City Administrator