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RE: Art in Public Places

Mr. Blackburn,

Recently, the Development Review Task Force was asked by a member of council to review and make recommendations in reference to Ordinance 13-18 Chapter 162: Art in Public Places.

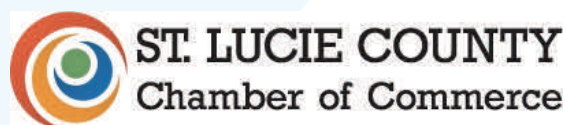
The Task Force is made up of representatives from the Treasure Coast Builders Association, The Economic Development Council and The St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce. These members include individuals from the permitting, legal, advocacy and art sectors.

After careful consideration, the Development Review Task Force would make the following recommendations in reference to Chapter 162;

1. Immediately reinstate the Public Art Advisory Board ensuring decisions by committee with input from the private sector.
2. Eliminate Public Art requirements for residential projects. The inclusion of residential in such ordinances is uncommon and unnecessarily burdensome.
3. Establish by recommendation from the Advisory Board , three to four targeted projects for which public art fees should be applied. These projects should require a service to the betterment and/or beautification of the community as a whole.
4. Eliminate art projects that received no funding within a two year period and replace that project with a new one within sixty days.
5. Offer applicants a discount of twenty-five percent (25%) of fees if they choose to contribute to the targeted projects rather than create onsite art.
6. Allow applicants to choose the project to which they would like their fee be contributed., thus creating even more input on the disbursement of funds.
7. Provide a list of commonly used and accepted examples of onsite art.
8. If onsite option chosen, the regulatory process should proceed with approval of artwork required only before the building permits are issued.
9. Onsite artwork decisions should be made within 30 days of submittal of project.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Task Force Members, a full list of members is attached.

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