

Oakland, MD December 4, 2023

Present at the Public Hearing of the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland held at 5:15 PM were the following:

Kathy Shaffer	Mayor
Jay Moyer	Council President
Fred Gregg	
Sherwin Teagarden	
Dave Bruffy	

Terry Helbig and Dave Beard were not present for the meeting.

Also present were: Executive Coordinator, Gwen Evans, Town Clerk, Cindy Coddington, Trevor King, Lillia Rose, Dave Arnold, Anthony Wroten, Emily Elmlinger, Michael Knoll, Tonya Helbig, Autumn Newcomb-Shay, Patrick Hudnall, Krysta Huxford, Cindy Stacy, Jarred McKenzie, Mikey Virtz, Hailey Gillespie, Angie Sencil, Chip Lee, Oliva O'Brien, Brady O'Brien, Lynn Byrne-Deitch, Kendall Ludwig, Mark Ludwig, Margo Ludwig and Juliet Ludwig.

Jay Moyer addressed the attendees regarding the Public Hearing. He noted the purpose of the Public Hearing is to discuss art and not to discuss or requirement of the Ordinance. This Public Hearing is specifically for the Outdoor Art Applications submitted by Kendall Ludwig for the painted mural on the side of her building and Anthony Wroten's Outdoor Art Application for the Chrysalis wings to be placed on the alley wall of the building where the Arts Council is located.

Mr. Moyer noted the Council and Outdoor Art Committee is in support of both applications by these 2 applicants. Jay Moyer asked for any opposition from the public attendees and/or Council members. The Mayor addressed the attendees stating that she and the Outdoor Art Committee are in support of the artwork and find them very pleasing. She also noted that the correct process must be followed. There was a question by Dave Bruffy as to why the Code Enforcement Officer did not contact Kendall Ludwig to enforce the ordinance and request her business cease painting the artwork on the side of the building until the permit was acquired. A brief discussion was held regarding this situation having been overlooked, . but the bottom line was that the applicant knew about the requirements. We are planning to have our new Chief of Police help enforce codes and ordinances as one of his duties.

A motion to close the Public Hearing and return to the regular meeting was made by Fred Gregg with a second from Sherwin Teagarden. The motion carried unanimously.

_____ Mayor

_____ Clerk