Vitruvian West Phase II Meritorious Exception (MR2021-0005)





LOCATION:

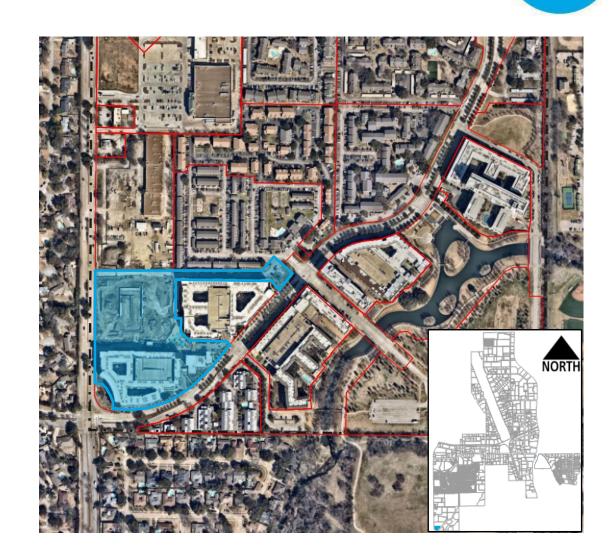
3725 Vitruvian Way.

REQUEST:

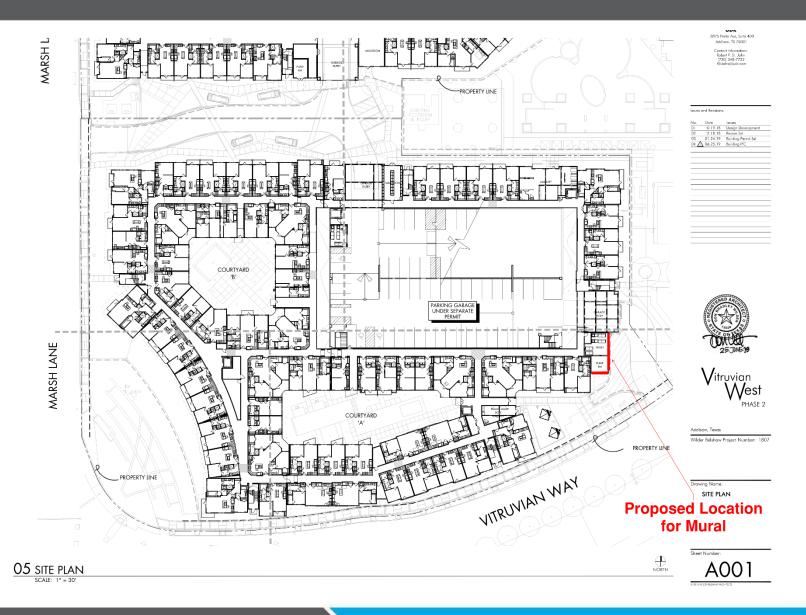
Approval of a Meritorious Exception for a mural on portions of the east and south facades of Vitruvian West Phase II.

ACTION REQUIRED:

Discuss, consider, and take action on the appropriateness of the proposed sign code meritorious exception request.







PROJECT HISTORY:

2007 – Rezoned to PD to establish Vitruvian Park

2018 – PD Development Plan approved for Vitruvian West Phase II and III multifamily developments

Present – UDR has substantially completed Vitruvian West Phase II and proposes a 2.376.2 SF mural wrapping several windowless facades at the southeast corner of the building





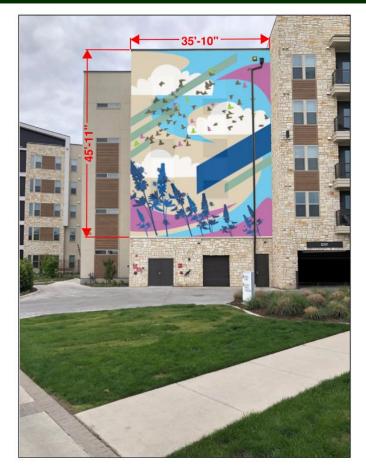


Proposed Mural Location



East Facade Mural Location Option A - Before and After





Before After

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East Facade Mural Location Option B - Before and After



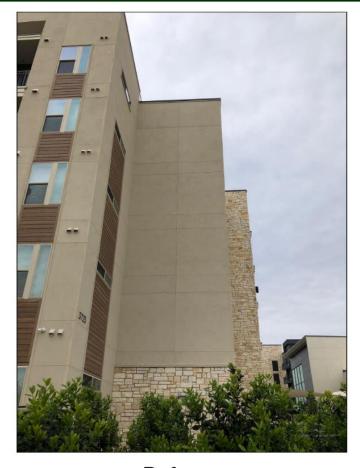


Before After

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South Facade Mural Location - Before and After





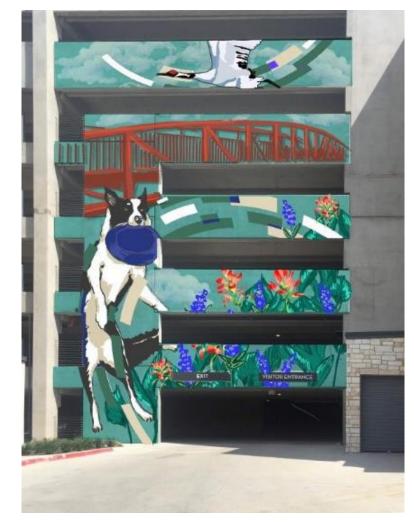
Before

After

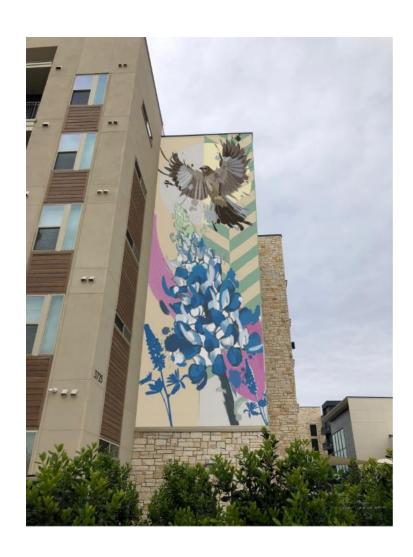


REQUEST DESCRIPTION:

- Mural is intended to improve the appearance of an otherwise blank façade
- Bird is the Northern Mockingbird, the state bird of Texas
- Flowers are Bluebonnets, the state flower of Texas, providing a connection to Vitruvian West Phase 1 parking garage mural
- Color palette matching Vitruvian West branding







SIGN ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE REVIEW:

- Murals are defined as attached signs by the Town's sign ordinance
 - ...any sign attached to, applied on or supported by any part of a building (such as a wall, roof, window, canopy, awning, arcade or marquee) which encloses or covers usable space.
- Proposed mural exceeds area requirements for attached signs

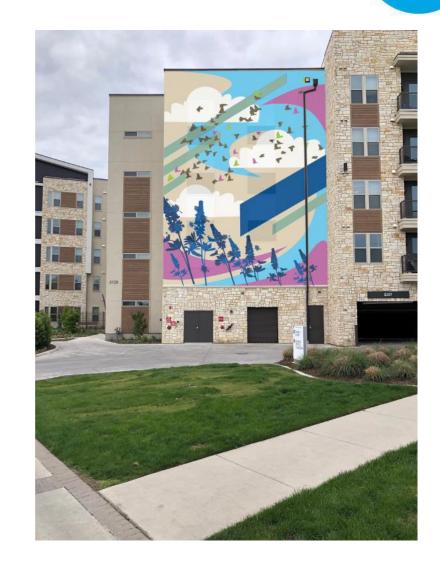


MERITORIOUS EXCEPTION CRITERIA:

• The council may consider appeals on the basis that such regulations and/or standards will, by reason of exceptional circumstances or surroundings, constitute a practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship or on the basis that the proposed improvement although falling under the definition of a "sign," constitutes art that makes a positive contribution to the visual environment.

Applicant's proposed mural meets this criteria and provides two options for the eastern façade

• Staff believes option A (pictured) best meets this criteria





RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the request, with Mural Option A preferred for the east façade.