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COUNCIL APPROVES ALLEY PARK

FERRIS, Texas. The City of Ferris City Council voted unanimously to approve the closure of a downtown alley for the proposed Sixth Street Alley Park. Conceived by Main Street Youth Advisor Jazmine Ibarra, the park will be located in the existing alley between 210 and 212 W. Sixth Street with the depth of the adjoining buildings. Removable bollards will prevent vehicular traffic, and shade and greenery will surround benches. Six historic themed murals will grace the eastern wall. The space will be used as a congregation place for rest and relaxation.

Muralist Steve Hunter, a former Ferris High School art teacher and now full time muralist, discussed the six proposed designs. "The sketches show concepts in black and white while the finished product will be painted with vibrant colors", said Hunter. Economic Development Director Chuck Dart pointed out potential cost overruns, namely with wall preparation and irrigation. "The shortfall amount is minor and I feel certain the 4B EDC will expand its funding for it." said Mayor Bill Pardue. Council members agreed. The park completion is projected by end of summer.