



OBSERVER CORPS REPORT
DeLand City Commission Meeting
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Short term rentals were brought up for discussion, but they are actually prohibited in Deland. There are 106 short-term rentals in the city. I believe they are going to start enforcing the rules but also trying to work out a compromise to satisfy everyone.

The mural committee did not approve Scott Price's mural at 102 ½ Ridge Street. They don't like the blue flag which is perceived as controversial. The Council asked Mr. Price if he would allow the city to replace it with an American flag. This controversy has lasted for two years now. The city perceives the blue flag as too political. After much consideration, Mr. Scott agreed to accommodate the City's request. He has two weeks to sign the agreement, or the mural will be moved to another location.

The next item was a suggestion that helmets be required to be worn by anyone under 18 and that they be educated about bikes and scooters. Bikes are not allowed on the sidewalks in downtown Deland.

Not on the addenda but in discussion is the Brown committee of the old golf course being told that they have to dig all the way down to where they find sand. It is hoped by someone like me that they decide it's not worth the effort and they leave the land alone.