

HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE

Location: **Clerk's Office Conference Room**

Date: **November 29, 2006**

Time: **2:00 p.m.**

Attendees: Brian Smith, Jan Luth, Sam Casella, Becky Nielsen, Terry Fortner, Cynthia Tarapani, Wally Clark, Vinnie Luisi, Kathy Monihan and Marcel Mohseni

I. Call to Order – 2:05 p.m.

Brian Smith called the meeting to order in the absence of Commissioner Duncan. We will be working on the proposed Ordinance and reviewing the PowerPoint Presentation that Commissioner Duncan prepared.

II. Minutes – July 12, 2006

- Review of Minutes brought the question – Has the RFP for the Database Survey gone out?
 - RFP Review Committee is Jan, Joan and Wally. Joan Demming had concerns with the RFP and so it was rewritten since her comment was that it wasn't specific enough to peek her interest so it was rewritten and resent to Purchasing.
 - RFP is currently with Purchasing Dept.
 - Brian will email everyone with the date the RFP will go out. (Make sure the dates are far enough out for everyone's newsletters, etc. to make sure we get good input.)
- What is the life of this Task Force – 12 to 18 months – then will we dissolve? Commissioner Duncan can extend this task force to make sure we get everything done.

III. Review of Committee Presentation

- Who will the audience be for this presentation as you might have a different presentation depending on that audience
 - Will be doing 2 or 3 workshops in different parts of the county. One in north county (Tarpon Springs) one in south county and one to the BCC to be done in late summer/early fall and the people to be invited were back to those database lists and the plan was to also tell them to tell their memberships so that it wasn't just the representatives (like in May) but all kinds of people who are involved in those organizations – that was at least the plan at that point. Is that plan still what we are looking at? Since we had nothing to present, we had to cancel. A Budget Hearing got in the way, so we were sort of put on hold
- We will need at least 6 weeks to get this information to representatives into their newsletters, etc. Need to send to everyone on that database.
- After much discussion, the following was decided. 2 or 3 workshops in early February – three locations (north, south and central)
 - North County – Tarpon Springs Cultural Center – 7:00 p.m. on February 7 (tentative – depending on Comm. Duncan's schedule).
 - Mid-county - Largo Feed Store or Cultural Center
 - No suggestions for south county – Brian will get with Bob Jefferies for suggestions.
 - Brian will get with Comm. Duncan for dates and email all.
 - Try to avoid downtown St. Pete and try to get a little west so we can lure people from the beaches.
 - We can also get use of schools at no charge.
- Can we get Channel 18 to cover at least the first meeting?
- The committee reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation prepared by Commissioner Duncan and Brian made notes of each "slide" (copies attached)

- Boxes are placeholders for photos – people excited when they see photos of things they know and love – make sure we include all three sections of the county
- There will be crib notes for each slide so whoever is presenting will “know the answers?”
- Hopefully Comm. Duncan will be able to attend and do all three, however, if not we need to be prepared for and have the crib notes ahead of time
- Want everyone to know he is committed to this task force and he needs to have his name as chairman on the front of this presentation
- Make sure all the task force members in attendance are recognized at each meeting so the commitment is reinforced
- This is a difficult process since we aren’t sure what Commissioner Duncan’s thoughts were on certain slide. Comm. Duncan is a very strong speaker and if he DOES present and with his being the BCC Chairs - that sends a powerful message and you can’t “buy” that message with anyone else doing it. If he is going to do it - let him decide what he is going to say because he’s a good speaker and we may be puzzled about what these bullets mean and he may have it in his mind already exactly what he is going to say. He may have one single sentence that’s just going to hit people with the importance of staying on top of this and then move on.
- There are some things in this presentation that we have no yet discussed and we all need to make sure we’re on the same page.
- Sam’s comment: “All over the country, people are finding that historic preservation isn’t what you used to think it was. Today historic preservation is way of supercharging the development of your community, to help you create a creative community and to help you create a community that is distinct, unique and can compete with anything in the world.”

IV. Review of Draft Ordinance for a Countywide Historic Preservation Program

(see draft Ordinance for changes and suggestions)

V. Other Business

- Follow-on work
 - Need emcee at each meeting so we can repeat the questions asked by participants so everyone hears
 - Need someone there to ‘scribe’ the meeting
 - Really need to have Commissioner Duncan at these meetings – and what an impressive emcee
 - Also need to discuss Items I and J of the draft Ordinance/Resolution attached to these minutes
 - Letter needs to go out ASAP and the letter should, perhaps, be from Commissioner Duncan
 - Get with Commissioner Duncan regarding February workshop dates
- Next Meeting
 - Try to get together in December but probably early January
 - Hopefully get in a meeting in early January and another the first week of February before the workshops

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

NOTE: Florida Trust is having a Commission Training Workshop in Tampa on January 18 – very good for staff or anyone interested in historic preservation. Go to the website for more information