

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** September 18, 2013

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Pinellas County Strategic Planning & Initiatives  
310 Court Streets, Clearwater

**Attendees:** Gordon Beardslee, Brian Smith, Rae Claire Johnson; David Sadowsky; Emily Elwyn; John Peter Barie; Marcel Mohseni

- I. Call to Order –Brian Smith called the meeting to order at 10:10 am
- II. The Minutes of August 21st - As there was no quorum, the approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting. .
- III. Update on Historic Preservation Toolbox: Gordon Beardslee reviewed the Toolbox committee, and the status of the membership and projects. Gina will be able to provide more information on this committee. Brian Smith questioned the structure of the Toolbox on the website. Shouldn't it be structured as to subject, instead of questions and answers? Gordon said that Gina had recommended the Toolbox be formatted like a PowerPoint, for local governments to utilize. Gordon believes Gina will be setting up a meeting in the near future to address the direction they will take.
- IV. Update on Historic Preservation Website: Brian Smith discussed the current website, and how it is handled now. Marcel explained how the information is loaded on the website. Brian made some suggestions for improvements, to keep the website current. Will the Education Committee be doing this? Discussion followed that the Committee Chair has missed more than half the Board meetings. Discussion then followed on members meeting and discussing issues among themselves, with David Sadowsky explaining what could be discussed among board members under the Sunshine Law. David clarified that Board members could discuss items outside the regular Board meetings that were not related to a COA or a recommendation they would be taking to the BCC. John Barie requested that Cyndi be contacted, and Brian agreed to contact her, and get a meeting set up.
- V. Discussion on Historic Preservation Summit: – Rae Clair stated that there was nothing to be discussed, as the Education Committee has yet to come up with an outline. She suggested that there be a Chair for the website, and a Chair for the Summit, as they are two separate subjects requiring a good amount of time. Brian asked about the notice lists that were compiled for previous summits, if that could be made available for use. Gordon said staff can take a look at it for updating. The date for the summit will probably be January.
- VI. Local Designation for Fort DeSoto Batteries: Gordon met with Paul Cozzie, Pinellas County Parks Director. He discussed the Board's interest in having some of the County's resources locally designated. As Ft. Desoto is listed on the National Register, there is value to having it also listed locally. Gordon gave Paul the list of nine resources the Board is interested in pursuing. He was very receptive to the idea of a local designation for Ft. Desoto, and staff will be working with him to define the actual area of Ft. DeSoto involved, and working on the application. Only the batteries are listed in the National Register. The proposed time frame would be November 20<sup>th</sup>

for the public hearing, and it would be taken to the Board on December 10th. Gordon will look at this, as it may need to be pushed out a month. Brian suggested looking at Weedon Island next. Gordon will discuss this with Paul at their next meeting. Discussion followed concerning Weedon Island being in the City of St. Petersburg, and also in the unincorporated area. Would we do a joint action with the City? How is it designated by the city? Emily Elwyn agreed to do some research on these questions, and the subject will be taken up at the next meeting. Rae Clair asked about the status of the dinosaur dig in Millennium Park.

Other Items – Brian will speak to both Cyndi and Gina before the next meeting. The members of the Education Committee are: Cyndi, Ellen Babb, John, Rae Clare and Brian (Brian sent an email confirming this). Marcel related how the grant funds for CLG applications are now 100%, where it used to be matching funds. Gordon assured the group that the application will be going out in the next few days. Brian will be sending out a brief email to update the Board on the meeting today. An effort to have the members attend the meetings will be communicated. Rae Clair would like the Planning Department to have a point person for Historic Preservation. Gordon said that person would be Marcel.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00