

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 16, 2013

Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Attendees: Vinnie Luisi; Wally Clark; Gina Clayton; Brian Smith; Cyndi Tarapani; John Barie
Rae Claire Johnson; Chet Renfro; Commissioner Charlie Justice; Gordon Beardslee; David Sadowsky; Marcel Mohseni

- I. Call to Order – Commissioner Charlie Justice called the meeting to order.
- II. The Minutes of August 21st and September 18 – were approved, with the change to the August minutes, as recommended by Gina Clayton.
- III. Update on the Historic Toolbox Committee: Gina reported that they are working on getting a meeting scheduled, and hopefully by the next meeting they will have something to report. Gordon, Emily, Wally, Vinnie and Gina are on that Committee.
- IV. Historic Preservation Education Committee – Brian Smith reported that the Committee had just met that morning, and discussed that they will be working on the Preservation Website, in addition to the Preservation Summit. The website will continue to have a Preservation toolkit on it. John has volunteered to work on the website, and regroup and clean up the subjects and links. This should create a better, more useful website. Brian discussed having the Historic Preservation Summit the afternoon of February 19th, and locating it mid-county. The Summit would help establish the network, by getting everyone together. Ideas for the structure of the Summit were discussed. Brian then reviewed the existing Historic Preservation network listing, and asked that the group review and update it. Gordon suggested sending out a letter to the contacts, asking for any updated information. Rae Claire suggested the letter ask for ideas to help define the mission of the network. Commissioner Justice asked about funding for the group. Rae Claire stated she knew of a group who might be interested in sponsorship. Discussion followed on sponsorship. Rae Claire then reviewed the brochures provided by Cyndi, as examples of what the Committee would like to produce to inform the public/tourists/visitors about the County's historic resources. Gordon thought the CVB might be able to fund the brochures, or a small category grant from the State could be sought. John covered the outline for the website, and what they hope to include. With input from the Summit, they hope to come up with an address book, with a public and a private version for access. This would enable password protection for updating. This brought up discussion on what's considered a public record.
- V. Local Designations–
Ft. DeSoto -Marcel presented the application for Landmark and Landmark site for the Ft. DeSoto Batteries. There is a problem with the legal description of the site. He is working with the Park Department and DEI on a description for the legal boundaries. Hopefully this will be going to the Board in January. The National Register designation does not have much of a legal

description, just coordinates. Discussion followed on having the local designation match the area included in the National Register. Cyndi suggested going with what is on the National Register, and she cited examples of the problems not doing so. Marcel gave the information he had from Tallahassee, he will try and more get information.

Weedon Island - Emily was not present to give the report on Weedon Island. Gordon explained how the City of St. Petersburg has already designated the Weedon Island archaeology sites locally. We would coordinate designating the unincorporated area with them.

- VI. Other Items - Commissioner Justice brought up the meeting times of the Board. Brian suggested meeting at 9, instead of 10. Rae Claire suggested an end of the day meeting. Other dates and times were discussed. It was decided to meet at 9 on November 20th and in the meantime a survey will be sent out to members for a better meeting time. Rae Claire suggested the CVB have a representative from the HPB. Commissioner Justice will look into what is involved. Marcel let the group know that the information for the CLG was submitted to the State, and if there are no issues it will then go to the Dept. of Interior.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00