

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** November 20, 2013

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

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

**Attendees:** Vinnie Luisi; Wally Clark; Gina Clayton; Brian Smith; Cyndi Tarapani; Commissioner Charlie Justice; Gordon Beardslee; David Sadowsky; Marcel Mohseni; Emily Elwyn; John Barie; Juanita Remer

- I. Call to Order – Commissioner Charlie Justice called the meeting to order.
- II. The Minutes of October 16th – were approved unanimously.
- III. Update on CLG Application: Commissioner Justice updated the Board on the County's CLG application. The CLG has been recommended for approval by the State Division of Historic Resources and they will be forwarding it with the County/State CLG signed contractual agreement to the Department of Interior in Washington DC.
- IV. Education Committee  
Update on Web Pages – Cyndi Tarapani reviewed the County web pages, and how they can be accessed, or shared. If only certain people could log in to the website, David Sadowsky questioned if the website would be County business, or would this be a private network. Discussion followed on the public records requirement this would affect. In addition the privacy of those listed on the site, and who would have access to this information was discussed. Cyndi felt that giving access to the general public would result in many requests for speakers, or home research, which the members would not be able to accommodate. Gordon Beardslee will look into what would be allowed on the website, and if Sharepoint will work. David Sadowsky requested an actual proposal of what would be on the website, so the legal implications could then be discussed. Commissioner Justice suggested getting the site up and running, and then adjust it as needed.  
Update on Summit planning – The date of February 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 2-5pm is planned, with the location being the Largo Feed Store. The topic of the Economic Benefits of Historic Preservation was suggested. Rae Clair has arranged that the author of the report would be a speaker. Another speaker from UF was discussed, in addition to someone from the CVB. There is an insurance company for historic structures that would like to speak, and would be interested in sponsorship. They would like a host and date for the next meeting. They will be sending a save the date out for the meeting in early January.
- V. ToolBox Committee Report–  
Gina Clayton reported on their meeting, and how they would like to reorganize the layout. It would be beneficial to organize the changes and coordinate with John's committee. Gordon reviewed their suggested changes. It was suggested that they work together as the same committee. After John does the new outline, they will work together on a new draft layout. David Sadowsky thought a meeting of the new committee should be noticed. (John Barie joined the meeting at this point)

- VI. Local Designation of Ft. DeSoto Batteries – Marcel gave the update on the designation. Ft. DeSoto Park staff has suggested designating an additional area, which was shown on the projected aerial. Marcel discussed the boundaries and various possibilities for local designation. Discussion followed on the advantages of the larger designation area, and if it should be a historic landmark, or an historic district. A motion was made to move forward with designating it a Historic Landmark Site for the property shown in yellow, adding Site 30 to the Northeast and following the waterline for the Southeast and West boundary. The motion was seconded, and passed.
- VII. HPB Meeting schedule – The survey of responses was discussed, and it was decided that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday is still the best day, and to meet at 9:00 am. The next meeting will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. This could be a workshop, and time could be spent doing committee work. The official agenda will be update on Ft. DeSoto designation and Summitt Planning.
- VIII. Other Business -Vinnie shared that the Palm Harbor Historical Museum received a grant for a traveling Smithsonian exhibit. They will be doing oral histories and filming in the area. Cyndi asked to revisit the old Historical Designation priority list. The list is at least 5 years old, and there are 6 that are County owned and County jurisdictions. She suggests working on these 6 first. Gordon explained that staff is limited, it might be possible to look at an intern or volunteer. He will prioritize the list for the next meeting. Emily Elwyn presented the National Register proposal for Weedon Island. Just the sites themselves were nominated.