

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

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**Date:** April 16, 2014

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

**Location:** Pinellas County Sustainable Planning & Development  
310 Court Street, Clearwater

**Attendees:** Gina Clayton; Commissioner Charlie Justice; Ralph Reid; Gordon Beardslee; David Sadowsky; Marcel Mohseni; Vinnie Luisi; Cyndi Tarapani; John Barie; Wally Clark; Rae Claire Johnson; Brian Smith; Emily Elwyn; David MacNamee

- I. Call to Order – Commissioner Charlie Justice called the meeting to order .
- II. The Minutes of March 19th – were unanimously approved.
- III. Status of Planning for next Historic Preservation Summit at Heritage Village: Comm. Justice stated that the date has been set, and the room is reserved at Heritage Village. Ralph Reid then explained he contacted the CVB, they are interested in being involved. They requested working with a contact on the HP Board to define their role at the summit. Rae Claire stated that their materials didn't focus on Historic Preservation, and Brian thought working with them first to define a function and role, before a summit would be best. Ralph stated that they were invited to this meeting, but had a conflict. He also added that they would focus on facilitating conversations, and talk about best practices for social media. They were unsure what they would do on the historic side. Discussion followed on using the Summit to discuss social media, and the value of having a Preservation "Trail" or tour. John Barie then suggested postponing the Summit until August, and joining with Preservation St. Pete and having one big summit. Emily Elwyn discussed the St. Pete Historic Preservation Summit and indicated that they have invited a well known expert and tour operator from Miami to make a presentation. More discussion on social media followed. The website [historymiami.org](http://historymiami.org) was reviewed by John Barie. He felt it was a good example to follow for the Board's website. It was then decided to hold the Summit in August, and partner with St. Pete Preservation. The date and location will be determined soon. Ralph will contact the CVB to give them a heads up for August, and have them to do a best practices and social media presentation.
- IV. Status of CLG Designation Ft. DeSoto and Military Post Landmark designation and Amendments to HP regulations: Gordon related that all of the items will go to the Board for the May 20<sup>th</sup> BCC meeting. He urged any Board members to attend, if they wish to speak and support the items.
- V. Follow up on the Historic Preservation Network: John Barie explained the spreadsheet that they are working on. The Summit sign in sheet had more names then the separate list for folks to sign up to be on the Network list. It was discussed that people might have been confused by this. It was agreed that an email be sent to everyone on the sign in sheet, to see if they want to be included on the Network list. For the next step he recommended creating a Pinellas Historic Preservation Network Facebook page. John will go ahead and create the page, and notify members once it's created. Discussion followed on the lists; it was decided there will be a Historic Preservation Network list that

will be on the website; then there will be a database of all interested people, who are not a part of the network. The Facebook page will be separate, and not associated with the network. John then went on to explain the Resource database and how it works. It will eventually catalog all historic sites on the website. Cyndi pointed out that this information already exists on a disk, which was compiled a few years ago. Gordon explained how BTS has this information and they are working to incorporate into the website to enable searching capabilities. Discussion followed on adding photos, and updating the existing data. John will test some data, and report how it's working at the next meeting. Gina reported that she, John and Vince met to update the Toolbox. She described how they are working to group and format the information

- VI. Review of the list of properties considered for Landmark designation – Commissioner Justice stated that the group could do about two a year, and should start thinking about the next two top priorities. He recommended looking at government property, specifically County owned property. The County Courthouse was discussed, as it's a County owned building, but in the City of Clearwater. A motion was made and approved to pursue the Courthouse designation. A letter will be sent from the County to the City requesting designation. Discussion followed on several other sites. A motion was made to pursue designation for Weedon Island, it was passed unanimously. Brian asked about the steps for a local designation for the Ozona Village Hall, versus a National designation. Old County Road 37 was discussed.
- VII. Other Business – Cyndi discussed a small matching Historic Preservation grant deadline for May 30<sup>th</sup>, which, as a CLG, we would be eligible for. She suggested pursuing a grant jointly with the CVB to print a brochure and do an iphone ap. Discussion followed on funding, and it was decided that Cyndi will send Comm. Justice the information, and he will contact the CVB. Marcel pointed out that we will not be a CLG before the May 30<sup>th</sup> deadline, and he didn't think there was enough time. It was suggested compiling a list of upcoming grants for the future. Vinnie announced the May 6<sup>th</sup> Planning meeting at the Community Center in Dunedin, which is an Arts, Cultural and Historic resources meeting, and urged folks to attend. The next meeting will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.