

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 21, 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; Liz Freeman; 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, and informed the Board that the Ordinance amending the Historic Preservation Code and approval of the Certified Local Government Agreement were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) the previous evening. The BCC also approved the designation of the Ft. DeSoto and Military Post as a Historic Landmark.
- II. The Minutes of April 16th – were amended to show that David MacNamee attended the meeting. They were approved unanimously.
- III. Follow up on the Historic Preservation Network/Web pages: John Barie gave an update on the Facebook page he has created. He will be posting the approval of the Ordinance and CLG on the page, and asked the Board to share any items they would like posted.
- IV. Database Demonstration: John Barie demonstrated the Historic Preservation database, in the County's geographic information system, and the searching capabilities that have been programmed. He discussed the refinements they are still working on, and asked for input. It was questioned if this database can link to the Florida Master Site File (MSF). John explained that a separate search would be needed, but they would look at this in the future. Some Board members noted that they did not think the MSF data **was** in a searchable database.
- V. Update on the next Historic Preservation Summit: John Barie stated that August 6th was being considered as the next Summit date, and the consultant from Miami, Paul George, who heads the City of Miami Historic Tours program has been invited. He discussed the program structure, and the cost of having the consultant. There would be three programs, the first and last of which would be at the City of St. Petersburg. The second session would be at the Summit in the afternoon. John asked about the possibility of the Board paying for \$400 of the cost, or providing a free venue. Discussion followed on the logistics of the Board paying for the session, as they have no budget. Various options were discussed, such as going to the Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) to help with the costs. In addition, using other speakers, applying for grants, and getting sponsors were considered. Rae Claire then made a motion to invite the Network to participate in the St. Pete Preservation program on August 6th. It was approved unanimously. She made a second motion to hold a separate Historic Preservation Summit, hosted by the Board, and do it in conjunction with the CVB and include a discussion on the tools the CVB have available, and a Social Media demonstration. The motion was approved. John Barie moved that the new Summit date will be August 20th, with details to follow. The

motion was approved. Gordon Beardslee asked who would be organizing the August 20th Summit. Rae Claire offered to partner with John and organize it. She requested that the meeting be announced at the St. Petersburg Preservation meeting on the 6th.

- VI. Update on Duke Energy Contract-Weedon Island Landmark Designation – Emily gave an update on the progress of the designation, she spoke with staff from Duke Energy, who were not aware that they needed to go through the process in St. Pete, as they send everything to the State. They will be contacting either Gordon or Marcel, and Emily will be following up.
- VII. VA Letter-Bay Pines Hospital NRHP site: – Gordon discussed the attached letter from the VA regarding participating with Bay Pines Hospital. A motion was made to participate with them, and passed unanimously.
- VIII. Update on Ozona Village Hall-Landmark Designation. Brian Smith related the discussion from the last OVIS meeting, which culminated in a decision to look first at a local landmark designation for the Hall.
- IX. Other Business – John Barie made a motion for the Board to authorize Commissioner Justice to request \$1,000 from the BCC for their budget to offset costs. The motion was modified to request money, but not a specific amount. After some discussion regarding if a budget was necessary for the Board, the motion passed unanimously. Marcel Mohseni recommended the Board consider developing a work program, and a calendar for grant deadlines and other issues, as the Board will be required to do this if they become a CLG. It was suggested that staff come up with a list of what they thought they can do, and propose it to the Board. Gordon replied that they will be working on this following this meeting. Brian questioned the status of the Courthouse letter to the City of Clearwater. Gordon stated he will be working on this shortly.
- X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am