

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD (HPB) MEETING MINUTES

Date: August 20, 2014

Time: 9:00 a.m.

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

Attendees: Commissioner Charlie Justice; John Barie; Rae Claire Johnson; Brian Smith; David MacNamee; Ralph Reid; Gordon Beardslee; Marcel Mohseni; Liz Freeman; Wally Clark; Rebecca Spain Schwarz; Todd L. Bogner; Paul Schmid; Vinnie Luisi; David Sadowsky

- I. Call to Order – Commissioner Charlie Justice called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
- II. The Minutes of June 18th –were approved unanimously.
- III. Update by FDOT on Sunshine Speedway Entrance Pier relocation options:
Todd Bogner from FDOT, Culture Resource Coordinator District VII, gave an update on the Ulmerton Road project, which consists of three sections. He reviewed the resource area, and the impacts to the entrance piers. They will be relocated to the south end of the dragstrip, this will protect them from future roadwork and they will still be visible from the road. He explained the various options for their location, and why this site was chosen. Discussion followed on the decision for the tower placement on the site.
- IV. Status of the Certified Local Government Agreement: Marcel gave the update on the approval status. He had contacted Tallahassee yesterday, and they are still reviewing it, but it should be approved in about 2-3 weeks. Once approved, the Board will need to establish a training schedule for the CLG training.
- V. Status of Historic Preservation Summit: Commissioner Justice reviewed the status of the draft agenda for the Summit. The CVB will provide the space in the afternoon, some refreshments and a couple hundred dollars towards the cost of the speaker, Dr. Paul George. St. Pete Preservation will be picking up the rest of the cost. Dr. George will be doing a workshop with St. Pete Preservation in the morning, and the afternoon he will be doing a presentation at the Summit. St. Pete Preservation will also be doing an evening event. An official agenda will be coming shortly. In the event that the Board continues to have more Summits in the coming year, it was discussed having the Board meet every other month, and in the off month, the committees would meet. The idea of forming a Summit Committee was discussed. John Barrie asked about the Sunshine Law, and how it pertained to the scheduling of the Summit, and if it communication amongst the members was permitted. David Sadowsky replied that the Sunshine Law had more to do with decision-making, but that this could be a gray area. Discussion followed on the Summit agenda, and the need to include social media, if not in this agenda, then for future summits. Rae Claire requested that the agenda be modified, and instead of telling your story, that Rhonda do an hour on the historic activity going on in the area. Commissioner Justice will talk with her. He then asked for volunteers for the next Summit committee. John, David MacNamee and Rae Claire will be the Summit Committee and the committee was reminded to notice the meeting. Late January was

discussed for the next Summit. It was noted that the correct name for the CVB is Visit St. Pete/Clearwater.

- VI. Follow up on Revisions to the HP Network/WebPages, County FMSF Search Criteria – John Barie has launched the Pinellas Preservation Community Facebook page. You need to request to be added to the group in order to post, etc. He requested 5 minutes on the Summit agenda to inform the attendees of the page. He and Marcel met with County staff to work on the search features of the web page, which is still a work in progress. He hopes to have it up and working by September. He asked for the Commissioner's help to have BTS move along on this.
- VII. Discussion of Draft 2014-2015 HPB Annual Work Plan: Gordon Beardslee informed the group that Liz Freeman would be assuming his responsibilities on the Board. He then went on to explain the draft work program, and asked for the group's input. It was discussed seeking Landmark Designation for the Speedway Towers, but it was decided to focus on the current designations. Brian suggested adding something pertaining to what the program was trying to accomplish, or program development. It was suggested applying for a small grant to produce a booklet of historic county structures. Vinnie Luisi made a recommendation to focus on this for the October meeting. It was then suggested using a grant to update the 2007 Cultural Resources document, along with the PC Historical booklet. The work program will be taken up again at the October meeting.
- VIII. National Register Nomination Letter from FL Dept. of State-Sunset Hotel. A motion was made for Commissioner Justice to write a letter of support, and submit it to Commissioner Seel with the Board's support. The motion was approved.
- IX. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00