



# **PINELLAS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

## **AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 17, 2016**

**9:30 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.**

Pinellas County Planning Department, Conference Room, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
310 Court Street, Clearwater, FL 33756

- I. Call to Order and Introductions**
- II. Approval of Minutes** – May 18, 2016 meeting
- III. Public Hearing to Review Certificate of Appropriateness Application (Case # 2016-5)**
  - Palm Harbor Historical Museum, 2043 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL
- IV. Other Business**
  - Summit Planning
  - Recent Speaker's Bureau Requests
  - Rose Cemetery Update
- V. Public Comments**
- VI. Board Member Comments**
- VII. Chair's Comments**
- VIII. Adjournment**

**Historic Preservation Board Agenda Item II.**

**Approval of May 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes**

- The minutes of the May 18, 2016 Historic Preservation Board meeting are attached for review and approval.

**Attachment(s):** Historic Preservation Board Minutes of May 18, 2016 meeting.

**Action Required:** Approval of Minutes.

# Historic Preservation Board (HPB) Meeting



## **MINUTES**

**Meeting Date: May 18, 2016**

**Time: 9:30 a.m.**

**Pinellas County Planning Department  
310 Court Street, Clearwater**

### **Members present:**

Commissioner John Morroni (Chair); Brian Smith (Vice Chair); John Barie, Rae Claire Johnson, David MacNamee, Jim Parent, Cynthia Tarapani, Vincent Luisi, Wally Clark, Estelle Lowenstein

### **Members absent:**

Gina Clayton, Mathew Eberius (Alternate)

### **County Staff in attendance:**

Chris Moore, Scott Swearengen, Renea Vincent, Cynthia Watkins, Brian Lowack and County Attorney David Sadowsky.

### **Community Members in attendance:**

Tamara Helms

## **I. Call to Order:**

A regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Board was held in Clearwater, Florida on May 18, 2016. Chairman Morroni called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and welcomed a new Board member, Estelle Lowenstein.

## **II. Approval of Minutes:**

The Minutes of the February 18, 2016 meeting of the Historic Preservation Board were approved unanimously.

## **III. Public Hearing to Review Requests for a Certificate of Appropriateness (C.O.A.)**

The Chairman announced that there were no COA's to be reviewed at this meeting, so the Public Comment section of the Agenda was decided to be moved up out of convenience to Ms. Tamara Helms, who appeared seeking feedback on a potential porch enclosure on a property she was considering leasing in the Downtown Palm Harbor Historic District. Ms. Helms' preferred solution of replacing the existing awning with a larger one that would also feature roll-down sides to mitigate rain and wind impacts on patrons was cost prohibitive, but she wanted feedback on another tent-like structure found nearby at Ozona Blue. While the Board was supportive of the extended awning solution, they were not supportive of the Ozona Blue option. The main concerns were that the size and scale of the tent, along with its roof pitch, were not in line with the existing building. One Board

member commented that the Frenchy's Outpost option presented could be supported, and another mentioned the Venus Restaurant as another example that the Board could likely support.

Chris Moore mentioned that an un-permitted screened porch addition was discovered during a Pre-Application meeting, and that it would need an "after the fact permit," which would mean it would also likely need an "after the fact COA," or be removed, prior to the work Ms. Helms is inquiring about being permitted. The applicant did not think this would be an issue.

#### **IV. 2016 Summit Planning:**

John Barie summarized the April 20<sup>th</sup> Summit. He commented there was a great turn out, an enthusiastic crowd and interesting presentations. The feedback he heard was very complimentary. Chairman Morroni stated he felt the Summit was a success but felt that the content for the next summit should be more geographically diverse, as this Summit was heavily focused on St. Pete Beach and he wants to attract participants from all over the County. John Barie and Rae Claire Johnson explained how the decisions on where to hold previous summits had been made. Mr. Barie stated there may be an opportunity to partner with the Clearwater Historical Society to host the next summit in October. It was noted Safety Harbor has also asked to hold a Summit in January. Chairman Morroni mentioned that the County Courthouse will be 100 years old next year, and while he has not spoken with County Administrator Mark Woodard yet about any plans to highlight it, he doesn't want a Safety Harbor Summit to interfere. John Barie plans to speak with Safety Harbor and Bill Wallace in Clearwater. Planning Department staff will inquire about details on the dedication of the Courthouse. Mr. Barie commented that he would like the Historic Preservation Board to hold its regular meetings in locations other than here in Clearwater and offered to check and see what venues in St. Pete might be available. Chairman Morroni reiterated he thought the Summit was a success and that he was really impressed by the attendance. Staff also received a few emails from attendees providing positive feedback. Chairman Morroni has stated that this Board is more organized and focused then it was a few years ago and thinks that some great work can happen as a result.

#### **V. Work Plan Discussion:**

Chris Moore gave an update on the Rose Cemetery National Register of Historic Places application. He discussed a meeting he had with City of Tarpon Springs staff Heather Urwiller and Tina Bucuvalas. Ms. Urwiller indicated in the meeting she thought the City's Historic Preservation Board would be supportive and she will inform them that a formal application will likely be submitted in the near future. Chris Moore noted that Jim Schnur, Special Collections Librarian at USF St. Pete provided an essay making the case that Rose Cemetery is the most intact African-American historical cemetery in Pinellas County, which should strengthen the application.

Ms. Bucuvalas noted she had met with Bob Jones, who oversees National Register of Historic Places cemetery applications for the State Division of Historical Resources, to

brief him on the Rose Cemetery application and he was optimistic it would achieve a successful nomination. Bucuvalas discussed who the State recommended submit the application, and Mr. Jones indicated that since the City is a Certified Local Government, they would have to review the application anyway since it is within their jurisdiction, so he felt it would be logical to go ahead and have them be the official submitter, which could also shorten the review process. Cyndi Tarapani agreed that the City should be the submitter and that our support can be to help hand off the completed nomination for them to review. Ms. Tarapani said she often attends the City's Historic Preservation Board meetings and will provide any support County staff may need.

Mr. Moore then gave a progress report regarding the Old Palm Harbor Design Review Manual. The manual's text was significantly revised and it has been sent to the County's Communications Department for graphic improvements. Mr. Moore stated one goal is to make it more web-friendly, so there will be various background information links provided within the document. The flow of the document was addressed and some chapters were combined and some moved to appendices, etc. The goal is to bring a completed draft for the next meeting.

The historic bridges survey grant application deadline was moved up a month from last year but Chris Moore updated application and submitted it for this year's review cycle. He also plans to attend the State's grant review panel meeting via conference call or in person. State Staff has recommended full funding for the grant application. A discussion followed on the timeline to receive grant funds and staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

The status of the County budget request of \$21,000 to fund a Historical Marker Program was also discussed. A decision was made to table a discussion on selecting a list of potential marker sites until after the County budget process advances further.

**VI. Other Business:**

Communications has updated the logos based on previous feedback from the Board. A motion was made to approve the logo with one additional edit. The motion was seconded and was approved unanimously.

**VII. Public Comments:** (As discussed above, this section of the Agenda was moved up to accommodate the needs of a citizen.)

**VIII. Board Members Comments:**

Ms. Lowenstein commented she is pleased to be with the Board and impressed with our efforts. She served for 6 years on the City of Hollywood's Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Tarapani brought up the topic of creating a county-wide manual that promotes historic preservation and educates others on its importance and how they can get involved. Vincent Luisi commented that he was happy to see in the paper that the Fenway Hotel will now become a boutique hotel while retaining its 1920's look. Mr. Barie gave a big thanks and kudos to Chris Moore for all the work that was done on the Summit.

**IX. Chairman's Comments:**

Chairman Morroni noted he may miss the next meeting, and Vice Chairman Brian Smith may be out of town as well. A discussion followed and it was determined that the meeting can move forward as planned as a quorum appears achievable. Vice Chairman Smith thinks a status report of some type should be given to the Board of County Commissioners. Staff will prepare something for Commissioner Morroni to be able to talk to the Board of Commissioners about during budget discussions involving the Historical Marker request.

**X. Adjournment: May 18, 2016 meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.**

**Historic Preservation Board Agenda Item III.**

**Public Hearing to Review Request for Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Application (Case# 2016-5)**

**Applicant:** Palm Harbor Historical Museum

**Owner:** Pinellas County

**Subject Property:** 2043 Curlew Road, Palm Harbor, FL 34683

The Palm Harbor Historical Museum has requested a COA application review regarding installation of a new covered deck at the rear of the County-owned museum and a new roof and windows for the Grove House located at the rear of the property.

**Attachment(s):** Staff COA report (attached via email).

**Action Required:** Conduct a public hearing on the application and take final action on the proposed COA.