

A Meeting of the **Historic Preservation Board** was held on **Thursday, November 5, 2009** beginning at 2:00 p.m. in City Hall at 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER: The Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Hurley, Jr., Mr. Shavlin; Ms. Jacobus; Mr. White, Ms. Pletcher and Ms. Hartley.

ACTION ITEMS

Item (a) Proposed changes to Section 20 of the Land Development Code.

The Pass-a-Grille Overlay was specifically addressed in the Pattern Book by reference is incorporated in this section. A discussion was held on the punch-list items, design standards for non-contributing and non-historic structures and new construction. Section 20.16 will be added with language and procedures encouraging development. Section 20.7 for application requirements has been added with specific details.

If the Board approves the changes discussed they will be sent to both the Planning Board and the Commission as ordinances for changes to the Code and the normal process will be followed.

Support staff will put the issues on the Planning Board's Agenda as a discussion item not an action item when they meet on November 18, 2009.

Item (b) Board proposed changes to Chapter 22, Article VII of the Code of Ordinances: Purpose, Powers, and duties of the Historic Preservation Board; change name of board to the Aesthetic and Historic Review Board

The Board's concept was to know what is going on, have a review and make a recommendation to the Variance Committee; this would require a public forum involving advertising, etc. for the public to have the opportunity to present their thoughts.

On the List given to the board by staff, changes were made to Item #7 for variances and making recommendations to the Board of Adjustment.

A discussion was held on Item #10: the Land Development Code, Rezoning and Future Land Use Map changes – the two options are: (1) to make recommendations, or (2) not to hear them at all.

The consensus of the board is to review and make recommendations.

Item (c) Proposed changes to Section 28 of the Land Development Code: Historic Preservation regarding variance and demolition requests.

The Board had requested that the name be changed and this was done throughout the section; how to deal with demolitions for every contributing structure was added back with a stay of 90 days to think it over.

Item (d) Proposed changes to Section 3.4 of the Land Development Code regarding notice requirements.

Clarification was made to this Section and Division 28. Staff explained the process involving notice requirements.

Changes to the Pattern Book were discussed adding permitted materials vs. prohibited ones. Structures used in Sarasota County in 1920 and before were used as examples of mixed styles and preferences now using modern styles. A discussion followed on what flexibility we would permit for construction of modern housing and if the Pattern Book is needed. Staff suggested that the "punch list" be used and allow some flexibility in design.

The Pattern Book will be done away with and those items of most importance will be put directly in the Code.

Mr. Shavlin made a motion that the Planning Board move the changes made in today's meeting to the Planning Board. Ms. Jacobus seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Item (a) Vacation of Right of Way application: East-west alley between 6th and 7th Avenues.

A packet of materials relating to this item was given to each board member by Ms. Hartley and a discussion followed.

Peggy Mc Elroy, 102 7th Avenue spoke. The alley is in disrepair, is an eye sore and is not being used. There is an urgency to have it vacated. Neighbors have signed a petition for vacation. Monthly maintenance costs to property owners would be expensive. Ms. Mc Elroy has paid for shell to be put down three times. Alleyways should be presentable and livable. Had high praise for the new Code Enforcement Officer.

Ms. Hartley mentioned that the alley is on the list to be cleaned up. This is prioritized by the Public Works Department in order of importance.

A discussion was held on the property at 104 7th Avenue being in need of repair. Staff mentioned that the property is pending demolition.

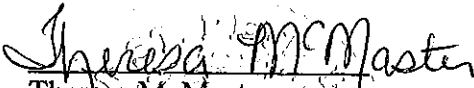
Further discussion was held for storing garbage containers out of view; using crushed stone as a base before applying shells to alleviate weeds from coming through and street parking.

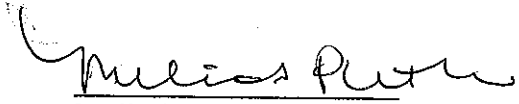
Code Enforcement needs to be more active in cleaning up neighborhoods and community policing is very effective. Storing boats in front yards is illegal and calling Code Enforcement will remedy the situation.

A joint meeting with the Planning Board will be set by Ms. Hartley. The meeting time will change to 3:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shavlin and seconded by Mr. Hurley. The motion was unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.


Theresa McMaster
City Clerk


Melinda Pletcher
Chairman

Minutes approved on:

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