



## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

The next meeting of the **Historic Preservation Board** will be on **Thursday, February 3rd, 2011**, at 3:00 PM in City Hall, 155 Corey Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Florida.

### **Agenda**

**Call to order**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Action Item:**

- 1) Public Hearing: Case #20110001 – 104 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Variance from Chapter 98, Article V of the Code of Ordinances regarding the substantial improvement regulations for a historic structure.

**Discussion Items:**

- 1) Pass-a-Grille Design Guidelines/Standards: Next steps
- 2) General Discussion

**General Discussion**

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Florida Statutes 186.26, persons with disabilities needing special accommodation to participate in this proceeding should contact the Public Works Department no later than seven days prior to the proceedings at (727) 363-9248 for assistance; if hearing impaired, contact the Florida Relay Service Number (800) 955-8771 (TDD).

If any person decides to appeal any decision made at this hearing, they will need a record of the proceeding and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (F.S. 286.0105). The City does not furnish verbatim transcripts. Interested parties should make the necessary arrangements for verbatim transcripts.

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

February 3, 2011, 3:00 p.m.

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Glenn Hanna  
Frank T. Hurley, Jr.  
Ward Friszolowski  
Ingrid Jacobus  
Melinda Pletcher, Chairman

#### ALSO PRESENT

Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk  
Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner

#### 1. Explanation of quasi-judicial hearing:

City Attorney Davis spoke to this being a quasi-judicial hearing and explained the swearing in process for the benefit of the audience. Witnesses and Speakers are not required to be sworn in.

#### 2. **Public Hearing: Case #20110001 – 104 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue: Variance from Chapter 98, Article V of the Code of Ordinances regarding the substantial improvement regulations for a historic structure.**

Ms. Hartley reviewed the request that the property owners made at the February 2010 Historic Preservation Board hearing and what this Board approved. She noted that those issues are not under question today.

**Today, the property owners are asking that this Board renew the FEMA variance that was granted last year.**

They would like this to be granted at this time so they can make all changes at the same time and be able to move the house and rehabilitate it to the point that it would exceed 50% of the value of the structure and bring it to normal habitable

it would exceed 50% of the value of the structure and bring it to normal habitable status. For various reasons, the property owners have not been able to pull a permit for this project and get it started before their variance would expire.

Staff is recommending approval of the property owners request to renew the FEMA variance for another year so they can complete the project.

Ms. Hartley answered questions by the Board members.

Mr. Gareth Eich, architect and representative for the property owners, spoke on behalf of the applicant.

He and the applicant fully agreed with Ms. Hartley's presentation and are requesting the one year extension. He noted that he is also a member of the PCCLB and has reviewed the application as it came to the PCCLB. The applicant and Mr. Eich requested that this Board approve staff's recommendation.

The Board members and Mr. Eich commented with respect to the property as it is now, adjacent property and the proposed variance request.

Attorney Davis noted, for the record, that normally there would be a public hearing, but in this case there were no members of the public present other than the applicant.

**Mr. Friszolowski moved approval of the variance from Chapter 98, Article V of the Code of Ordinances regarding the substantial improvement regulations for a historic structure. Mr. Hurley seconded the motion.**

**The motion was unanimously approved by individual roll call vote.**

### **3. Discussion Items**

#### **a. Pass-a-Grille Design Guidelines/Standards: Next Steps**

Ms. Hartley presented an update as to what this Board was doing at its last Meeting. The Board recommended that the City Commission approve Ordinance No. 2011-01 that would amend this Board's powers and duties. The City Commission has since adopted that Ordinance on First Reading. In addition to this Board's ability to develop guidelines and recommend a natural historic district (that being Pass-a-Grille), it now has an option added to the Code that reads: "The Board shall develop design guidelines for new construction or alterations to existing structures within the Pass-a-Grille overlay district.

The Historic Preservation Board now has a choice as to whether they would like to establish a smaller or larger historic district, or tie it to the existing Land Development Code Section that is known as the Pass-a-Grille Overlay District, which is everything south of 32<sup>nd</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Hartley presented several different options that this Board could take.

There was considerable discussion among the Board members regarding these options. Commissioner Garnett and Chairman Pletcher have been working on a survey of Pass-a-Grille regarding an inventory of homes in Pass-a-Grille and how many are existing, how many stories these structures have, are they existing, how many are there, etc. The finished survey should be completed next week.

Chairman Pletcher spoke to the original decision whereby the Commission decided to contract with a consultant to do design guidelines, but later decided to do this in-house. She reviewed how they would collect information regarding what the community would like to support as well as the need to meet building codes, etc. There was considerable discussion regarding design guidelines for existing and new construction.

**The Board agreed to have Mr. Friszolowski present some computer generated drawings for the public to see showing them some computer modeling of today's regulations and also offer them some different ideas of what could happen in the Pass-a-Grille area, get feedback from public and move forward.**

**b. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Pass-a-Grille.**

Chairman Pletcher announced that artist and Pass-a-Grille resident Mr. George Chase will do a couple of logos incorporating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and other marketing materials we can use to promote the Anniversary. Chairman Pletcher spoke to several suggestions for this Board to contribute, e.g. installing a water feature or fountain in the area of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues in honor of the Freshwater Springs that was previously in Pass-a-Grille, and create a friendly park. The Anniversary celebration could be incorporated with other events that already exist in Pass-a-Grille.

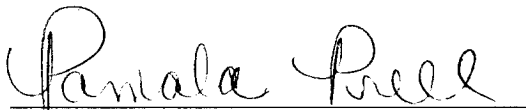
Chairman Pletcher suggested having a group Meeting on February 16 to discuss the Anniversary and what the group would like to do to celebrate this event. This Meeting would need to be held in the "Sunshine", noticed and open to the public.

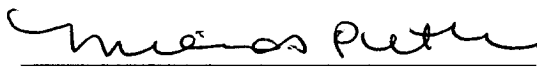
Mr. Hurley noted that Pass-a-Grille was incorporated on June 1, 1911.

**Randy from Merry's Pier will be painting the pier and asked if the City has any certain color it would like. The Historic Preservation Board agreed that just a natural wood would be fine.**

**4. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

  
Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk

  
Melinda Pletcher, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 3-3-11