



NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The next meeting of the **Historic Preservation Board** will be on **Thursday, March 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:

Approval of Minutes

- 1) October 21, 2010 joint meeting with Planning Board
- 2) January 6, 2011 Regular Meeting
- 3) February 3, 2011 Regular Meeting

Discussion Items:

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

General Discussion

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Interested parties should make the necessary arrangements for verbatim transcripts.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

**March 3, 2011
3:00 pm**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

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

NOT PRESENT:

Glenn Hanna

ALSO PRESENT:

**Catherine Hartley, Senior Planner
Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk**

1. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ward Friszolowski to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2010, Joint Meeting with the Planning Board.

The motion was seconded by Frank Hurley and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ward Friszolowski to approve the Minutes of the January 6, 2011, Regular Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Frank Hurley and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Ward Friszolowski to approve the Minutes of the February 3, 2011, Regular Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Ingrid Jacobus and unanimously approved.

2. Discussion Items

1) Pass-a-Grille Design Guidelines/Standards: Next Steps

Catherine Hartley presented a new video tool to the Board with a brief explanation of what it will show such as the height, scale and the massive ability on a lot by lot basis. The cost of the software is \$350 and she has it on a 30-day trial basis during which time she will work with it and learn the program.

During discussion regarding preservation and re-development, Chairman Pletcher asked the Board if there is a way to promote and encourage historic preservation during the upcoming anniversary to the point where the community would support those "handcuffs".

Mr. Hurley is skeptical that it will work and feels that if a P.R. campaign had been started back in 1992 it may have worked.

Mr. Friszolowski feels there is a place in government to regulate to a degree, but it's to what degree before people get uncomfortable and say "that's enough". As they move through the process of looking through visualization and they do a good job of it and people are accepting of it, he feels that would be an indication that maybe they could push this historical ordinance a little further. But if there is a lot of push back on how they are going to regulate new construction, he would almost guarantee that people are going to say "don't tell me I can't".

Ms. Hartley stated that roughly 75% of the cities that have historic preservation ordinances have established those ordinances without the consent of the homeowners. They establish the district, they say here are the rules and here's what you're going to do to follow them, period. The other 25% are either like us and don't have any teeth whatsoever and the others are like "we'll work with the property owners; we'll have some financial incentives..." Here we are just different.

Mr. Friszolowski feels that if they push this historic subject too far right now, it could hurt the other side.

Chairman Pletcher feels that if they take this 100th Anniversary and use it as a P.R. move, it would help them sell not only the possible design guidelines for new and non-contributing but also some things for historic preservation; it's all going to be a good result. Her concern is that they have been wanting to meet with the public to get some type of buy-in and they have been trying to move forward with something to give them to get them to buy-in to begin with.

Mrs. Pletcher went on to ask "do they do a survey; do they do a community meeting; what is the first step in getting the community to buy-in?"

Mrs. Pletcher declared that she is not preaching that they need a historic district; that you're doing something wrong. If the community wants the right to tear down and re-build a FEMA compliant, hurricane resistant house, there's nothing wrong with that. The goal has to be clear and communicated to their elected officials and they have to do something about it instead of spinning in circles.

Mr. Friszolowski thinks they should concentrate on a few things, one is just promoting the historical nature of the area and the other thing is looking at these design guidelines to see how anything that's built fits within the feel and fabric of Pass-a-Grille and why they think it's a special place right now. Eventually those guidelines could go to other areas of the City in time.

The current rule is that if someone comes in with a locally designated structure and wants to demolish it, they can just give the Board 30 days notice that they no longer want their home designated and they can pull a demo permit.

Mrs. Pletcher pointed out that with the 30-day window, it gives the Board and Catherine Hartley a chance to communicate with them and say "look at all these options you have available that you may not be aware of."

Ms. Hartley volunteered to attend events such as the Realtor's Association, the Women's Club, the Museum, at any time to meet with people and explain what they're doing and answer any questions they may have. If she is invited to something, she will be happy to attend.

Mr. Friszolowski asked how they can start the process of requiring someone that has a contributing structure or a historically designated structure to come before the Board before they are issued a demo permit. Ms. Hartley will write the ordinance and bring it before the Board next month.

There was discussion about "Celebration" and "SeaSide" and how they plan their developments with restrictions as to size, design, height, etc. At "Celebration" there is a pattern book to choose from.

Ms. Hartley, using the new visionary software, will take a few streets from Pass-a-Grille and work up a presentation for the Board.

2) General Discussion

Chairman Pletcher brought up the 100th Anniversary and who they should contact such as the "Beach Goes Pop" group and the Women's Tour group to get it out there. They are in need of someone to chair a committee to put this together.

Mr. Hurley reminded the Board that the 100th Anniversary is the date the town of Pass-a-Grill was incorporated.

Mr. Friszolowski suggested someone from the Museum lead the group, keeping this Board out of it in order to avoid violations of the Sunshine Law.

Mrs. Pletcher asked if they need to do anything for the community, how can they use this as a catalyst for historical preservation, how can they use this 100th Anniversary to do something great for the community.

Ms. Hartley warned that a little bit of caution needs to be thought about on a couple of levels. First, what are they saying to the community if they turn that Park and put a well there. We can say "what used to be here was City Hall, the Fire Station, the Bus Station but now we're going to put this fountain here that used to be over there, that's not historic preservation.

She went on to caution the Board not to have discussions like that if it's something that they may vote on in the future. The Park is a designated historic resource; they need a certificate of appropriateness to do work there.

Mr. Friszolowski suggested tours, maybe a scavenger hunt, a walking tour, a boat ride, maybe staggered or maybe overlapping. Groups like the Historical Museum are really a group in place, with volunteers, as they are going to need help to get all this done.

Mrs. Pletcher thinks it would be nice if they did have some kind of strategic plan for the Park and turn it into some kind of a memorial. It would be so easy to raise money to achieve something like that.

Mrs. Pletcher has contacted a local artist for some artwork to be used on T-shirts, signs, etc. for the anniversary.

Mr. Hurley suggested they contact someone in Gulfport to get some ideas since they just celebrated their anniversary. Ms. Hartley will be seeing their Planning Director next Monday and she will talk to him.

Ms. Hartley offered to talk to anyone who might want to organize an event and go to the Commission to ask for co-sponsorship.

Mr. Hurley said that the Friends of the Gulf Beach Museum are having a dinner and meeting on the 21st of March and he feels that would be an ideal time to make any presentation because those are the people who are going to be enthused about the anniversary.

Mrs. Pletcher asked if there was any further business for discussion. Hearing none, **Mr. Hurley made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Friszolowski and unanimously approved.**


Pamala Prell, Acting City Clerk


Melinda Pletcher, Chairman

Approved on: 4-6-11