HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

MINUTES

APRIL 15, 2013

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Bill Thompson, Member
Martin Lott, Chairman
Maria Lowe, Member
Chris Marone, Member

ABSENT:

Ingrid Jacobus, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

George Kinney, Director Community Development
Chelsey S. Welden, Urban Planner
Mary Jo Murphy, Recording Secretary

1. Chair Election

First order of business was the election of Chair and Vice Chair. Member Thompson nominated Mr. Martin Lott for Chair. The nomination was unanimously approved by a voice vote. With Ingrid Jacobus being absent, the Board made the decision to defer the nomination for Vice Chair until the next meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Kinney suggested deferring the approval of the minutes for January 3, 2013. Mr. Kinney stated that only Member Lott and Member Jacobus were present for the January meeting, and it would be appropriate for the motion and the second to come from the two members present on

January 3, 2013. The Board agreed that the approval of the January 3, 2013 minutes should be deferred until the next meeting.

3. **Action Item**

Public Hearing

COA 2013-0012: Property address is 106 28th Avenue. Applicant, Judy Vezmar, represented by Mr. Daniel Thayer Dawson, AIA, requested a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to demolish the existing residence

Mr. Kinney introduced the case before turning it over to the applicant's representative Mr. Dawson, 11767 Ashley Court, Seminole, Florida 33772. Mr. Dawson stated that the existing property was not suitable for restoration or renovation and that Ms Vezmar wanted to replace it with a new contemporary home suitable and similar to the other houses along the street.

Member Lowe questioned Mr. Dawson about the soil testing requiring the entire demolition of the home. Mr. Dawson explained the intent was to remove the existing structure and to have the soil test performed in the location of where the new home was going to be located.

Chairman Lott discussed Criteria 1 and 2 with the Board, and there was a general discussion about the criteria that the Board had to meet.

Member Thompson asked Mr. Dawson to explain the steps of demolition to the Board with regard to environmental issues. Mr. Dawson gave an overview of demolition procedures.

Member Thompson made a motion for the approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness, 2013-0012, allowing for the demolition at the property address of 106 28th Avenue, Pass-A-Grille. The motion was seconded by Member Marone. Chairman Lott asked if there were any audience comments.

Mr. Ralph Lickton, 1706 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706, spoke against the demolition and COA and suggested the need for new construction standards for Pass-A-Grille.

Chairman Lott asked if there were any more comments. There were no comments. The motion was approved by an individual roll call vote (3 – 1).

4. Discussion Items

A. Update – Resurvey, Master Files and Grant Opportunities

Mr. Kinney spoke about resurveying the historic district and creating master files that meet state requirements. Mr. Kinney stated that Bruce Cooper, Building Code Administrator, will attend the next meeting and give a presentation on how the Board should proceed with offering variances in compliance with FEMA.

There was general discussion about dictating design guidelines, and if so, there would have to be some design standards set for the entire district.

Mr. Ralph Lickton, 1706 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706, stated that all of St. Pete Beach is eligible for the historic designation and was not hopeful that design guidelines would be accomplished in St. Pete Beach.

Melinda Pletcher, 2281 Vina Del Mar, St. Pete Beach, Florida, 33706, spoke in favor of design guidelines. Furthermore, Ms. Pletcher spoke favorably about allowable encroachments.

B. General Discussion

Mr. Ralph Lickton, 1706 Pass-A-Grille Way, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706, updated the Board on the grant program for historic surveys.

5. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Attest:

Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk

Martin Lott, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 6/13/2013