

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

MINUTES

JUNE 5, 2014

3:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Martin Lott, Chairman
Ingrid Jacobus, Member
Chris Marone, Member
Sean Hurley, Member

ABSENT:

Tina Douglass, Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Chelsey S. Welden, Urban Planner
Rebecca Haynes, City Clerk
Jenine Thornley, Recording Secretary

1. Changes to the Agenda

There were no changes to the agenda.

2. Audience Comments

There were no comments from the audience.

3. Review and Approval of March 6, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Member Hurley made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2014 as written. The motion was seconded by Member Marone and unanimously approved by a voice vote.

4. Welcome New Members

Chairman Lott welcomed new board members and said he is looking forward to working together.

5. Action Items

There were no action items.

6. Discussion Items

A. Recap of Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference

Chelsey Welden, Urban Planner, shared highlights with board members from her speaking engagement with the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference. Ms. Welden said the conference focused on the elevation of historic structures and getting out of both the flood plain and flood insurance.

Ms. Welden said conference presenters touched on legislative impacts, referencing the National Flood Insurance Program, enacted in 2012. This legislation was intended to reform the insurance program so that premium costs would more accurately reflect the risks. At that time, Ms. Welden said, those risks were resultant of several major storms, namely Katrina, Sandy, Ike and others, and the major cause of the Flood Insurance Program's huge debt. Ms. Welden said that re-mapping and rate readjusting are once again occurring, scheduled for completion by 2016.

On a more positive note, passage of the Homeowner's Affordability Insurance Act restored the grandfathering process, Ms. Welden explained, so that previously protected homeowners can once again enjoy their former benefits. Conference leaders said that Tampa Bay/St. Petersburg is the number one flood risk area in the country, due to location and the fact this area has not been "hit" for a very long time.

B. Pass-a-Grille "Pathway to the Future" Project

Ms. Welden announced the recent Design Fair was successful and well attended. Consultants will be organizing gathered suggestions and putting together an evening workshop. The workshop date has not yet been scheduled, as Ms. Welden said she is currently receiving feedback from residents who feel more citizens should be notified prior to planning the event.

Chairman Lott commented he is curious to know that once Tindale-Oliver has assembled all of the facts, information and suggestions, if a workable guideline could be established and accepted in a Pass-A-Grille community. Member

Marone said it is important to gather as much information as possible while the project is underway.

Ms. Welden said the project will include changing the Land Development Code and implementing zoning regulations. Member Hurley hopes that once guidelines are established, City staff can administer and enforce without having to acquire a variance approval for every request.

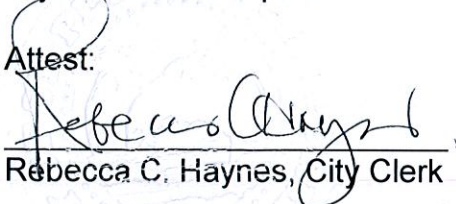
Chairman Lott asked if interfacing with the Planning Board will occur once the process is underway. Ms. Welden said yes and that a joint meeting will be scheduled in the near future.

Ms. Welden told board members she will be having a conference call with Tindale-Oliver soon to discuss the next workshop. The next meeting of the Historic Preservation Board is scheduled for July 17, 2014.

7. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Attest:


Rebecca C. Haynes, City Clerk


Martin Lott, Chairman

Minutes approved on: 7/17/2014