

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD – VIRTUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

September 3, 2020 - 3:30 P.M.

This meeting was conducted utilizing Media Technology in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order.

PRESENT: Chris Marone, Chair
Sean Hurley, Vice Chair
Tia Hockensmith, Member
William Loughery, Member
Holly Young, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Wesley Wright, Community Development Director
Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner
Brandon Berry, Planner II
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Ginny Keeter-Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Changes to the Agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.
2. **Audience Comments** - There were no audience comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes – 8/06/2020**

Member Loughery moved to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Member Young and unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

4. **Action Items** – No action items this month.
5. **Discussion Items**

a. Update – Pass-a-Grille Piers, Docks, and Seawalls

Mr. Clarke provided updates with photos on the Merry Pier, the 11th Avenue Pier (condemned and complete rebuild to begin soon), and the 7th Avenue Pier. A design firm is working on concept plans for improvements to the seawall between 1st and 11th Avenues and grant funding is being pursued. The City Commission recently selected a plan for the replacement of the 1st Ave. Pier. Mr. Clarke answered board questions regarding updates to lightbulbs/light fixtures along Pass-a-Grille Way and at 9th and 10th Avenue Park.

b. Status – Historical Markers and Street Signs

A slide of the Commission approved street sign design was shown; a contractor should be selected as early as October and funding is in place for the project.

c. Status – Library Renovation

Ms. Rosetti showed recent photographs of the progress on the project. Mr. Clarke added comments. The parking lot is also being renovated.

d. City Properties

Ms. Rosetti showed slides of the pressbox in Hurley Park and began discussion of historic designation for the entire park, in addition the Warren Webster building. The July 2019 Hurley Park public meeting was discussed; the consultants on that renovation project need to be informed of any historic designation that might be considered. The Merry Pier may also be considered for historic designation in the future.

e. Grant Status – DonCeSar Place Historical Survey

Ms. Rosetti summarized the ranking of the grant projects submitted to Florida Historical Commission; this project was ranked 35th out of 58. There will be no definitive answers until the state budget is finalized.

f. General Redevelopment of Corey Avenue

Ms. Rosetti gave a brief history of the Corey Avenue area and showed photos of recent updates. Mr. Wright gave an update on the sewer moratorium (began in 2016) which affects businesses, but does allow minor improvements.

The 'Corey East' area was discussed. There has been discussion over the last 18 months with the seller of that property. An agreement may be underway for a residential mixed use development of 95 unit residential condos; the site is not fit for a hotel. Updates were given on the 'Corey West/Fisherman Park' area. There is currently an application for 10 boat slips on the water and a public/private partnership will be a discussion item at the next City Commission meeting.

The Merry Pier historic marker needs to be brought back to the attention of the City Manager.

6. Adjournment – Next meeting 10/01/2020

There being no further business, Chair Marone moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Loughery seconded. The meeting at was adjourned 4:50 PM.

These minutes were approved at the October 15, 2020 Historic Preservation Board meeting.