

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2020 3:30 PM

PRESENT: Chris Marone, Chair
Sean Hurley, Vice Chair
Holly Young, Member
Bill Loughery, Member

EXCUSED: Tia Hockensmith, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Wesley Wright, Community Development Director
Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner
Brandon Berry, Planner II
Mike Clarke, Public Works Director
Jennifer McMahon, Parks and Recreation Director
Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

1. **Changes to the Agenda** – Ms. Rosetti stated that staff had an additional discussion item.
2. **Audience Comments** – There were no audience comments.
3. **Approval of Minutes** - Historic Preservation Board 9/3/2020 Minutes
Member Loughery moved and Member Young seconded the approval of the September 3, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.
4. **Action Items**
 - a. **Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Museum and Cottage - Local Historic Designation (20052)** The property owner is requesting a Local Historic Designation for the Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Museum and Cottage.

Ms. Rosetti gave a presentation on the history of the Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Museum and Cottage and explained the criteria for Local Historic Designation. Staff recommendation was for approval of Local Historic Designation for this property. There were no audience comments.

Member Loughery moved and Chair Marone seconded the approval of the Local Historic Designation for 113-115 10th Avenue, Gulf Beaches Museum and Cottage. The motion carried 4-0.

- b. **Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Cottage - Certificate of Appropriateness and FEMA Variance (20053 & 20054)** The property owner is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness and related FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) Variance for the Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Cottage.

Ms. Rosetti reviewed a presentation, with exhibits, of Applicant/Owner Pinellas County's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness and related FEMA Variance for the cottage only. She reviewed the US Secretary of Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation and Floodplain Variance criteria, and indicated that staff recommends approval. The rehabilitation would be in the interior of the cottage,

for the purpose of restoring use as a dwelling unit for the Resident Curator Program. There were no audience questions or comments. A brief Board discussion followed on the historic character of the renovations.

Member Young moved and Member Hurley seconded to grant the Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Cottage, Case 20053, a Certificate of Appropriateness. The motion carried 4-0.

Member Young moved and Member Loughery seconded to grant the Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Cottage, Case 20054, a FEMA Variance. The motion carried 4-0.

c. SPB Shuffleboard Clubhouse - Certificate of Appropriateness and FEMA Variance (20068 & 20069) The property owner is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness and related FEMA Variance for the Pass-a-Grille Shuffleboard Court and Clubhouse.

Ms. Rosetti reviewed the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate, primarily the interior, of the Shuffleboard Clubhouse; she included history and photos. The property was locally designated as a landmark in 2010. Staff found the proposal consistent with the City's Land Development Code and they recommended approval of the Certificate and Variance.

A Board discussion followed on FEMA Variance requirements, local building codes, and allowances for historic properties, as well as this Board not being included earlier in the discussion process for historic renovations.

Public Works Director Mike Clarke addressed the Board and explained that a great deal of care went into keeping the proposed renovations consistent with, and not disruptive to the historic era and restoring it to exactly how it did/should look. He detailed each of the proposed updates to the interior - which elements can be reconstructed and those that must be replaced for safety and aesthetics. He stated that the contractors are well experienced with historic renovation.

Paul Kegel, President of the Shuffleboard Club spoke briefly about court lighting, and Mr. Clarke invited him and the Board to attend the pre-construction conference, when scheduled. There were no further public comments.

Chair Marone moved and Member Loughery seconded to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the St. Pete Beach Shuffleboard Clubhouse, Case 20068. The motion carried 4-0.

Chair Marone moved and Member Loughery seconded to approve the application for the FEMA Variance for Case 20069. The motion carried 4-0.

5. Items for Discussion

a. Hurley Park

Ms. Rosetti presented overview of all parts of Hurley Park. Discussion followed regarding this Board's exclusion from the park renovations. Member Loughery read from the City's Code of

Ordinances 22-211 (d)(9), Purpose, Power and Duties of the Historic Preservation Board, that this Board shall have the power and duty to “advise the City Commission on all matters related to historic preservation policy, including use, administration and maintenance of city-owned historic resources”. Anything south of the Don CeSar is a historic District. This Board should be advising the Commission on what is appropriate from a historical point of view and be copied on any related communications. A dog park was added to the park without consulting this Board.

Recreation Director Jennifer McMahon presented two options to the Board for refurbishing the pavilion in the park. The Board’s recommendation to the Commission is to keep the pavilion simple, inexpensive, and consistent with what is there now.

Discussion regarding Board involvement in City processes. Mr. Clarke explained that the budget cycle and project selections and decisions take place in April or May and that would be the appropriate time to begin inclusion and consultation. As Board liaison, Mr. Wright should ensure early board communication and Mr. Clarke would be able to bring infrastructure updates at timely intervals to institute an information exchange. Following comments on the aesthetics of historic street signs in Pass-a-Grille vs. the beach, he indicated that he could request a change order for the historic street signs if that is the will of the board.

b. Outdoor Dining

Mr. Berry explained the temporary outdoor seating allowance in the City during COVID-19. The City is looking to standardize/codify outdoor seating in some commercial districts with three different designations and asked for Board input. Following discussion, Board consensus that it would be necessary to a draft proposal on such an ordinance from the City Manager, which would include right-of-way seating considerations.

6. Adjournment - Next Meeting: 11/5/2020

Member Loughery made a motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

These minutes were approved at the November 12, 2020 Historic Preservation Board meeting.