

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020 3:30 PM

PRESENT: Chris Marone, Chair
Sean Hurley, Vice Chair
Bill Loughery, Member
Tia Hockensmith, Member

EXCUSED: Holly Young, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Wesley Wright, Community Development Director
Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner
Brandon Berry, Planner II
Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Marone called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

- 1. Changes to the Agenda** – Ms. Rosetti asked to add a discussion item on Pass-a-Grille Design Standards following Item 5b.
- 2. Audience Comments** – None
- 3. Approval of Minutes** - Historic Preservation Board 10/15/2020 Minutes
Vice Chair Hurley moved, and Member Loughery seconded the approval of the October 15, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried 3-0.
- 4. Action Items** – None.

Member Hockensmith entered the meeting at 3:34 PM.

5. Items for Discussion

a. Role of Historic Preservation Board (Continued from 10/15/2020)

Ms. Rosetti opened a continuation of a discussion from the October 15th meeting regarding City Code 22-211.d.(9) - Purpose, power and duties of the Historic Preservation Board. The consensus of the members was that building permits, applications, and projects for historic or other properties in the historic district be brought to this Board for information and/or review prior to discussions, changes, decisions or actions being taken. This board should be advising the City Commission on all matters related to use, administration, maintenance, and policy of city-owned historic resources, according to the Code. Mr. Wright and Community Development staff will make every effort to inform this Board early when discussions arise. Meeting with the Commission at a meeting or in a workshop was a suggestion.

A discussion on regulations and City Codes for short-term rentals on Pass-a-Grille followed.

b. Historic Properties in St. Pete Beach

Ms. Rosetti spoke about the list of locally landmarked and master site file properties in St. Pete Beach that were part of the meeting packet. The Merry Pier has not yet been designated. The Board suggested that be included on an upcoming Commission agenda. The members would like the Board to be exposed and pro-active. A gathering of historic property owners was suggested to open lines of

communication and a historic walking tour or virtual walking tour app on the City's website was also discussed. This Board should be informed about the Merry Pier renovations and historic marker progress.

Added item – Mr. Berry stated that in 2017, the City adopted residential design review standards. Community Development staff will be bringing residential designs to this Board for input going forward; there will be three at next month's meeting, which are associated with Certificates of Appropriateness for demolition. Homeowners provide designs for new construction prior to demolitions. Mr. Berry reviewed the seven (7) design standards to be considered in the Pass-a-Grille Overlay District and four other considerations to familiarize the members.

Chair Marone left the meeting at 4:52 PM, turning it over to Vice Chair Hurley

c. FY 2020/21 Review of Community Development Accomplishments & Projects

Ms. Rosetti reviewed a list of the actions taken by the Historic Preservation Board in FY 2020. Mr. Wright reviewed the Permit Summary and Application (Variances, Conditional Use, Site Plans, Historic Items) Reports for the past fiscal year. He also reviewed the goals that were completed in FY 2020.

d. Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code Review

Mr. Wright informed the Board that that Kimley-Horn was contracted and has begun a Consistency Review of the elements of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code as well as to the County-wide plan and state law.

Mr. Wright updated the Board that the City Commission approved expenditures for lighting replacements at Hurley Park including tennis and basketball courts. The restroom updates are being completed. The dog park opened Tuesday; there was discussion at the meeting on how to keep it to residents only; this will be monitored for the near future.

Vice Chair Hurley inquired about temporary outdoor seating on the south side of 8th Avenue that has converted parking spaces into a pedestrian walkway. Pedestrian liability is a concern. Discussion also followed on a meeting at Don Vista in which the City Manager specified that business owners were not to spend their own money on the temporary outdoor seating arrangements. Televisions, platforms, tenting, and other owner-provided amenities have been observed.

6. Adjournment - Next Meeting: 12/3/2020

Member Loughery made a motion and the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

These were approved at the December 3, 2020 Historic Preservation Board meeting.