Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2020 3:30 PM

PRESENT: Sean Hurley, Vice Chair
Bill Loughery, Member
Tia Hockensmith, Member
Holly Young, Member

EXCUSED: Chris Marone, Chair

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

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

1. **Changes to the Agenda –** The approval of approval of the Board's 2021 meeting dates will be added as action item 4d. and a Decorative Street Sign discussion will be added as item 5d.

2. **Audience Comments** – There were no audience comments.

3. **Approval of Minutes -** Historic Preservation Board 11/12/2020 Minutes

Member Loughery moved, and Vice Chair Hurley seconded the approval of the November 12, 2020 minutes as presented. The motion carried 4-0.

4. **Action Items**

a. **20087/20088 Certificate of Appropriateness and Design Review** 2609 Sunset Way - For the demolition of an existing co construction of a new home in the Pass-A-Grille Historic District

Ms. Rosetti gave a complete review of the property owner's request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the residence and guest house, which are both contributory to the Pass-a-Grille National Historic District. Mr. Berry presented the Design Review of the proposed new, replacement single-family residence and staff recommendations.

Board discussion followed on landscaping, demolition timeline, and the feasibility of reusing or repurposing some of the removed elements for use at other historic properties.

Elisa Verch of LeBram Homes appeared for the applicant to answer Board questions.

Member Young moved approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition for Case 20087, including staff recommendations on porch expansion, landscaping plans, and architect certification, and recommendation that the owners repurpose any original or historic architectural elements for reuse in another Pass-a-Grille house. The motion died for lack of a second.

Richard Kane of 1749 55th Avenue, St. Pete Beach, added comments that the property is likely too infested and damaged with termites to allow reuse of any elements. There was no further public comment.

Member Loughery moved and Vice Chair Hurley seconded the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Case 20087 for demolition and Case 20088 for design review. The motion carried 4-0.

b. 20085/20086 Certificate of Appropriateness and Design Review 1002 Pass- A-Grille Way - For the demolition of an existing con the construction of a new home in the Pass-A-Grille Historic District

Ms. Rosetti gave a complete review of the property owner's request for Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the existing two-family residence and detached garage, which are both contributory to the Pass-a-Grille National Historic District. Mr. Berry presented the Design Review of the proposed new, replacement single-family residence and staff recommendations.

Owner/applicant Bob Schiros appeared to answer Board questions and provide information. There was no further public comment.

Member Loughery moved and Member Hockensmith seconded the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Cases 20085 and 20086 for demolition and design review. The motion carried 4-0.

c. 20082/20081 Certificate of Appropriateness and Design Review 2401 Pass-A-Grille Way - For the demolition of an existing contributing structure and the construction of a new home in the Pass-A-Grille Historic District

Ms. Rosetti gave a complete review of the property owner's request for Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the existing structure, which contributes to the Pass-a-Grille National Historic District. Mr. Berry presented the Design Review of the proposed new, three-story single-family residence and staff recommendations.

Applicant Danny Creamer appeared and spoke about their intentions for the property and proposed design. Sean Roney of Roney Design Group lead designer appeared to answer questions and provide information. There was no further public comment.

Member Loughery moved and Member Hockensmith seconded the approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness for Cases 20082 and 20081 for demolition and design review. Member Young second. Motion carried 4-0.

d. HPB Meeting Dates 2021 ***(Added)***

Member Loughery moved and Member Young seconded the approval of the proposed 2021 Historic Preservation Board meeting dates; the motion carried 4-0.

5. Items for Discussion

c. Parklet program *(Order of discussion item changed during meeting)*

Ms. McMahon reviewed a presentation concerning the possibility of extending the temporary Parklet Program beyond the COVID pandemic. The Planning Board has also reviewed the presentation which highlighted proposed guidelines, responsibilities, application process, permitting and fees that have been created, should this program be continued.

Board discussion included parking, fairness, enforcement, and aesthetic issues associated with this program, and the consensus was that Pass-a-Grille business owners and residents should be afforded their own, separate forum to voice their opinions, as the Parklet Program is not favored there.

a. Merry Pier Boat Lift

Ms. Rosetti detailed some of the dimensions of this proposed, new boat lift which came in the form of a permit request from the Public Works Department. The Board requested information on what entity will be using and providing funding for the boat lift and asked that it be brought back when that information is available. This item will be carried over to the next meeting.

b. Merry Pier Freestanding Informational Sign

Ms. Rosetti presented a detailed rendering of the sign, which will include a map and information on the protection of local fish. Rich Malinowski of NOAA Fisheries appeared to provide further details and answer questions about the sign. It will be at the base of the 7th Avenue Pier.

d. Decorative Street Signs *(Added)*

Mr. Wright explained that the contract for city-wide signs was a consent agenda item at the last Commission meeting, but it was moved to action item. The vote failed 3-2, due to concerns with the cost of over $600,000. Mr. Wright indicated that the Pass-a-Grille/historic district only decorative signs, as originally intended, would amount to approximately $125,000. Following Board discussion, Member Young volunteered to present that option to the Commission at their next meeting.

Following that item, some discussion followed on adding the Board's governing code and/or a list of accomplished/unfinished business to each Historic Preservation meeting agenda to keep the mission, purpose, and priorities in focus. Mr. Wright and his team will brainstorm on ways to do that for next meeting.

6. Adjournment - Next Meeting: 1/07/2021

Member Loughery moved and Member Young seconded the adjournment of the meeting at 5:45 PM.

These minutes were approved at the January 7, 2021 Historic Preservation Board meeting.