

Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021 3:30 PM

PRESENT: Bill Loughery, Member
Tia Hockensmith, Member
Holly Young, Member

EXCUSED: Chris Marone, Chair
Sean Hurley, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner; Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk; Jennifer McMahon, Recreation Director; Mike Clarke, Public Works Director; Wesley Wright, Planning Manager; Brandon Berry, Planner II, Jordan Elmore, Zoning and Permit Tech

Member Loughery was selected as Chair pro tem and called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM.

1. Changes to the Agenda – Senior Planner Lynn Rosetti stated that Items 4.a. and 5.c. would need to be continued until the September meeting. Public Works staff will also be providing some project updates in Discussion Items.

2. Audience Comments – There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes - Historic Preservation Board 6/03/2021 Minutes

Member Young moved and Member Hockensmith seconded the approval of the June 3, 2021 minutes as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items

a. 21053 & 21054 - 105 4th Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness and FEMA Variance

This item was continued to the September 2, 2021 meeting during Changes to the Agenda.

5. Discussion Items

a. Historic Preservation Grant Award Historic

Preservation grant award from the State of Florida, Division of Historical Resources, to conduct a historic survey in the Don CeSar Place neighborhood and also in the southern portion of the Belle Vista neighborhood.

Ms. Rosetti reported that the City was awarded \$50,000 from the State Division of Historical Resources to conduct a historic survey of some of the homes over 50 years old in the Don Cesar Place and Belle Vista neighborhoods. Surveys will include photographic documentation, mapping, and possibly a community meeting prior to beginning. She presented a map of the area which will become part of these minutes. The guidelines for the grant will be provided when the finalized document is returned to the City. A Request for Proposals (RFP) process will take place, in which qualified survey firms may submit proposals. A selection committee will be appointed to rank the submissions using established criteria. Following that process and firm selection, work may begin in late fall.

b. Replacement of Hurley Park Pavilion – City of St. Pete Beach to construct a 25' x 32' pavilion at Hurley Park.

Parks Director Jennifer McMahon reported that the replacement pavilion will be in accord with this Board's recommendations; it will look the same, in the same colors. Installation will start next week. She added that the terrazzo floor installation in the Warren Webster building will begin on August 16th. The French doors will be replaced to prevent water entry and a concrete pad was added outside to direct water away from building. Windows will be installed in the shuffleboard clubhouse next week, and that project will be complete.

Public Works Director Mike Clarke explained that the contractor for the Merry Pier suggested a Cool Grey color for the new decking; the Board viewed the color and concurred. He spoke briefly about the rebuilding project. He also mentioned that the roof of the press box at Hurley Park was replaced and a historic designation is being investigated in hopes of further refurbishment.

Mr. Clarke also updated the Board that the historic street signs are in manufacturing and it will be an eight-to-ten-week process, with three batches of 30 produced at a time. The project should be completed by the new year.

Member Loughery asked about the newly installed parking sensors on Pass-a-Grille; this Board was not asked for recommendations or notified in advance of these changes to the historic district. Discussion followed on how the sensors work.

Member Young updated the membership that the historic street signs will be installed only on Pass-a-Grille and Corey Avenue and gateway markers will be in other areas of the City. She added that The Beach Theater was put on market, a sale is pending, and may close by end of month.

c. Sunshine Law and Public Records

The presentation was postponed until the September meeting.

6. Next Meeting – September 2, 2021

Member Young moved and Member Hockensmith seconded adjournment at 4:11 PM.

These minutes were approved at the September 2, 2021 Historic Preservation Board meeting.