Historic Preservation Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2021 3:30 PM

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

EXCUSED: Chris Marone, Chair
Bill Loughery, Member

STAFF PRESENT: Lynn Rosetti, Senior Planner; Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk; Jordan Elmore, Zoning and Permit Tech

Vice Chair Hurley called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.

1. **Changes to the Agenda –** The presentation on the Sunshine Law will be continued until the next meeting. Member Loughery sent an email to be read when discussing Item 4a. Member Young will provide an update in Discussion Items.

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

3. **Approval of Minutes -** Historic Preservation Board 5/06/2021 Minutes

Member Young moved and Member Hockensmith seconded the approval of the May 6, 2021 minutes as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Action Items**

   a. **Local Historic Designation - Sandpiper Beach Cottages (#21032)**
   105 6th Ave (Case No. 21032); Local Historic Designation for the Sandpiper Beach Cottages.

Senior Planner Lynn Rosetti reviewed a detailed presentation of the property and the application for Local Historic Designation, which included zoning information and photographs. The property has two residential units; one house and one cottage. A swimming pool will be added. Ms. Rosetti reviewed the designation criteria and staff findings. The property is in the Florida Master Site File. The presentation will be made part of these minutes.

Staff recommended approval of the Local Landmark Designation; the structure fits into the context of the historic district and will remain as two family residential.

Ms. Rosetti read an email from excused Member Loughery sharing information about a natural spring that once existed near the property, documented to the late 1800's. Member Hurley confirmed that a well existed there at one time, the sole source of water; it is not known what happened to it.

Venny Torre, applicant/owner of the property appeared to answer questions and provide additional information. He has a historic photograph of the spring with three cottages nearby.

Member Young moved and Member Hockensmith seconded to approve Case #21032 for a Local Historic Designation at 105 6th Ave. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Certificate of Appropriateness and FEMA Variance - Sandpiper Beach Cottages (#21030 & 31) 105 6th Ave.; Certificate of Appropriateness and Variance from the Floodplain Management Regulations for interior and exterior renovations to the Sandpiper Beach Cottages.

Ms. Rosetti reviewed a presentation on the requests for a Certificate of Appropriateness and Variance from Floodplain Regulations. She provided details on the proposed renovations for the structures, which were built in 1915. The presentation will be made part of these minutes.

Staff found that the proposed Certificate of Appropriateness and related FEMA variance are consistent with the City's Land Development Code. Staff recommended approval as presented.

Member Hockensmith requested that the applicant share any historic photos or information with Gulf Beaches Historic Museum.

There was no public comment on this item.

Applicant/owner Torre provided further details on the renovations, the property, and the landscaping and his commitment to consistency with period architecture, style and landscape.

Member Young moved, and Member Hockensmith seconded to approve Case #21030 for a Certificate of Appropriateness at 105 6th Ave. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Young moved, and Member Hockensmith seconded to approve Case #21031 for a FEMA Variance at 105 6th Ave. The motion carried unanimously.

The owner/applicant spoke about the unique historic nature of Pass-a-Grille and the need to provide protection for what still exists - providing value and interest to the area. Mr. Torre was a previous Chair of the Coral Gable Historic Preservation Board and offered his assistance with advocacy.

5. Discussion Items

a. Sunshine Law/Public Records Presentation – Continued to July meeting.

b. Added - Member Young updated the Board on the Historic Street Markers, noting that on Tuesday, the City Commission approved the wrought iron signs through other areas of the City, not just Pass-a-Grille.

6. Next Meeting – July 1, 2021

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

These minutes were approved at the August 5, 2021 Historic Preservation Board meeting.