HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

May 4, 2023 - 2:30 PM

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

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer; Brandon Berry, Senior Planner
Lynn Rosetti, Consultant; Matthew McConnell, Assistant City Attorney;
Contract Architect Jim Wehner; Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

Chair Loughery called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM.

1. Approval of the Agenda – Chief Operating Officer Jennifer McMahon asked to switch the order of items 4b.and 4a. Consultant Lynn Rosetti will speak about an available training after her presentation.

Vice Chair Hockensmith moved, and Member Young seconded the approval of the agenda as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Audience Comments – There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes **– a. Meeting minutes 4/06/2023**

Member Hurley moved and Member Micklitsch seconded the approval of the April 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items **-**

a. Certificate of Appropriateness No. 23028 & FEMA Variance No. 23029: 113-115 10th Ave.

Consultant Lynn Rosetti reviewed a presentation for this request (Pinellas County Gulf Beaches Historical Museum), including exhibits – photos, zoning, noticing, criteria, standards and the project scope of work. Her presentation is part of the meeting record. She stated that in October of 2020, Pinellas County requested a FEMA Variance to renovate the cottage on the property; the current request is for the barracks. Staff recommendation was for approval of both the Certificate of Appropriateness and the FEMA Variance.

Monica Drake Operations Manager of Pinellas County Heritage Village spoke regarding the windows as presented in the meeting packet; they are as close to the original as possible with hurricane standards. The Board asked questions regarding the window costs, permits, and the 10% contingency as outlined in the meeting packet.

Motion: Member Young moved, and Member Micklitsch seconded to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Case No. 23028, 113-115 10th Avenue as proposed and outlined in the scope of work in the staff report and related FEMA Variance request; the motion passed unanimously.

Motion: Member Young moved and Vice Chair Hockensmith seconded to approve the FEMA Variance (Case No. 23029) from the floodplain regulations for 113-15 10th Avenue to allow the scope of work as proposed and outlined in the staff report; the motion passed unanimously.

b. Vina Del Mar Bridge Lighting

Nicole Kurant, Public Works Engineer, summarized the results of staff investigation since the last meeting. Materials will need to be customized to meet the dimensions and be of a solid structure. OEM can meet the customizable option. She spoke about options and colors and displayed options numbered 1-4 (which is part of the meeting record). The Board members asked questions. A discrepancy in the numbering of the choices between the meeting packet and the resident survey was resolved.

Bobbi Jurishica of Vina Del Mar spoke about the results of the resident survey and majority choices.

Laura Williamson of 3061 E. Vina Del Mar Blvd. spoke about LED bulbs which can be harmful to people and animals; she explained that some cities have had to remove them. Shading of the bulbs is important.

Board discussion followed.

Motion: Chair Loughery moved, and Member Young seconded to recommend the three fixture Option (agenda packet Option 4) (Option 2 in the survey) in blue (with light blue base) to the City Commission; the motion passed unanimously.

c. Amended Board Policy Change Resolution

Assistant City Attorney Matthew McConnell spoke about the proposed resolution language and the nine proposed policy changes within the Pass-a-Grille Overlay District. The draft resolution was part of the meeting packet and record.

The Board reviewed the nine proposed policy changes. There was discussion on street ends vs. street end elements. Mr. McConnell will change to 'street end elements East of Pass-a-Grille Way' and change stop signs to 'traffic signs.' Mr. McConnell recommended the Chair or Vice Chair attend the Commission meeting in which this is discussed.

Consultant Jim Wehner suggested removing the word 'courtesy' in the 7th listed policy. Mr. McConnell will remove per Board consensus.

Motion: Chair Loughery moved, and Member Hurley seconded to recommend the proposed resolution 2023-04 to the City Commission with the changes discussed; the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discussion Items

a. Historic District and Pass-a-Grille Overlay District Boundary Maps - Per Board request at the April meeting, Staff have updated the zoning map and identified the boundary of the 2003 Pass-a-Grille National Register Historic District Boundary Expansion on the zoning map for easy comparison with the Pass-a-Grille Overlay District.

Senior Planner Brandon Berry reviewed a brief presentation of the four rezoning/land use amendment cases so far this year, properties inside and outside of the Historic District surveyed in 2015, and the 2003 National Register Historic District boundaries. The presentation is part of the meeting record. Discussion included the (now) RM District.

Chair Loughery thanked staff for their work and requested updated maps for the Board members. The 2015 survey map was displayed as a reference; it is part of the meeting record. Potential pricing of new surveys was discussed. Ms. McMahon stated that staff can check what properties have been added since 2015, including the areas that were previously excluded.

b. Corey Ave. Historic Survey Grant - Discussing the potential boundaries and potential survey of the Corey Ave area, which is proposed to include most properties between 76th and 64th Avenues.

Ms. Rosetti reminded the Board that last year the City applied for a historic grant to perform inventory work in the Don CeSar Place and Belle Vista neighborhoods. The grant will need to be state budgeted; we should know by mid-July if it is adopted in the budget. She showed a map visual and some photographs, which are part of the meeting record.

Ms. Rosetti provided a reading list from Preserve the Burg and spoke about a training camp in Sanford Florida on resilience and disaster planning for Historic Preservation Commissions; she will provide further information as it becomes available.

c. Gulf Way Repaving and Parking Mobile App - Discussing the paving of Gulf Way and parking disc sensors as requested by Board Chair.

Ms. McMahon reported that Public Works Director Mike Clarke estimated the Gulf Way work will take place sometime in the Fall, so no update at this time, however she reported that the sensors will be flush to the pavement, not raised. Community Development Director Michelle Gonzalez is working on a report for Commissioner Marone so should have data soon. General discussion on parking followed.

Prior to adjournment, Mr. McConnell restated the items that will be included at the June 1st meeting - update on parking/paving and maps of contributing structures and plaques locally designated properties. Resolution may be on first June commission meeting.

6. Adjournment/Next Meeting **–** June 1, 2023

The Chair adjourned at the meeting at 4:30 PM.

These minutes were approved at the June 1, 2023 Historic Preservation Board meeting.