

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

June 1, 2023 - 2:30 PM

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

EXCUSED: Holly Young, Member

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

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

1. Approval of the Agenda – Assistant City Attorney McConnell requested the addition of a discussion item (4.e.) regarding proposed Resolution 2023-04.

Vice Chair Hockensmith moved, and Member Micklitsch seconded the approval of the agenda with the added item; the motion carried unanimously.

2. Audience Comments – There were no audience comments.

3. Approval of Minutes – a. **Meeting minutes 5/04/2023**

Member Hurley moved and Chair Loughery seconded the approval of the May 4, 2023 regular meeting minutes; the motion carried unanimously.

4. Action Items – The Deputy Clerk swore in all of those testifying.

a. **Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition #23030: 1805 Pass-a-Grille Way**

Consultant Lynn Rosetti reviewed a presentation for this request including exhibits – photos, zoning, noticing, criteria, standards and City Codes corresponding to this request. Her presentation is part of the meeting record. Staff recommendation was for approval.

Patty Stough, of Patti the Architect, Inc., authorized agent, appeared to testify regarding the request; she had been sworn in. She showed additional renderings and photos, which are part of the meeting record and provided additional details of the demolition request.

The Board asked questions regarding base flood elevation, anticipated height of the new structure, and other details. The Board discussed the option of a stay.

Motion: Chair Loughery moved, and Member Hurley seconded to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition for Case No. 23030, 1805 Pass-a-Grille Way, as requested without a stay; the motion passed unanimously.

Member Hockensmith commented that she hopes in the future that buyers of historic properties buy them as something they intend to keep, particularly those that are locally historically designated.

5. Discussion Items

a. Paving and Parking in Pass-a-Grille –

Public Works Director Mike Clarke was unavailable today; staff will try to arrange for him to speak on this item at the next meeting.

b. Pass-a-Grille Park –

Ms. McMahon reviewed the updates to the park plans that were made since the last time they came before this Board; she provided a graphic of the new plans, which are part of the meeting record. Board questions and discussion followed. The next step will be a walk through with the Parks team and reviewing with the City's landscaping company; the plan will come back to this Board when finalized, but prior to the City Commission. Chair Loughery questioned why the plan was re-done again at all. An improved bike rack, sidewalk addition, seatwall removal, trees, and lighting were discussed. An aerial visual of what is there currently was suggested. The Board members will visit the park individually. Resident input can be made at the District 4 Town Hall tentatively scheduled for July 19th.

Eileen Guenther of 111 10th Avenue gave public comment.

c. Residential Demolition History in Pass-a-Grille: 2015 - Present - Providing a list of properties in Pass-a-Grille that have undergone structural demolition since 2015.

Senior Planner Brandon Berry reviewed a chart of historic district demolitions (22 - of which 14 were contributing structures) reported since the 2015 survey. Thirteen of those have been redeveloped or have applied to do so and there have been four design reviews. The chart is part of the meeting record. Mr. Berry summarized that 76% of the properties surveyed in 2015 had contributing structures and 71.5% as of May 2023 in the same survey area.

d. Historic Plaques for Locally-designated Historic Properties - Discussing mailings being prepared for recent recipients of certificates of appropriateness, and requesting board feedback on appropriate timescale for offering historic plaques.

Ms. McMahon reported that 66 properties have been identified as locally historically designated. These will be cross referenced with the demolitions. A letter will be sent to those properties within the next two weeks to inquire if they would like a plaque and then an initial inclusive order can be placed.

e. (added) Resolution

Mr. McConnell briefly reviewed the changes that he had made since the last meeting. After discussion, the Board asked to add street ends West of Pass-a-Grille Way. The draft Resolution will go before the City Commission on June 13th; none of the members indicated that they could attend.

6. Adjournment/Next Meeting – July 6, 2023. Two historic designations will be on the agenda. Mr. McConnell added that Certificates of Appropriateness are quasi-judicial in nature and any testimony going forward will be under oath.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:06 PM.

These minutes were approved at the July 6, 2023 Historic Preservation Board meeting.