

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MINUTES

July 6, 2023 - 2:30 PM

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

EXCUSED: Bill Loughery, Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Jennifer McMahon, Chief Operating Officer; Lynn Rosetti, Consultant; Ginny Bodkin, Deputy City Clerk

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

1. Approval of the Agenda –

**Motion: Member Hurley moved, and Member Micklitsch 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 6/01/2023**

**Member Micklitsch moved Member Young seconded the approval of the June 1, 2023 regular meeting minutes; the motion carried unanimously.**

4. Action Items –

a. **Local Historic Designation Case #23047: 315 Corey Ave (Beach Theatre)**

Consultant Lynn Rosetti noted a correction in the staff report, Analysis and Recommendation section – the address should be 315 Corey. She reported that the property owner has discussed interior renovations with the City's Planning and Building Department. Ms. Rosetti stated that the applicant was out of town and unable to attend. She reviewed a presentation for this request including exhibits – aerial and historic photos, zoning, and criteria (Sec. 28-22 of the Land Development Code) corresponding to this request. Her presentation is part of the meeting record. Staff recommendation was for approval.

Brief discussion followed. If approved today, any exterior changes to the building would come to this Board for review, but interior changes would not.

**Motion: Member Young moved, and Member Hurley seconded to approve the request for Local Historic Designation of the Beach Theater at 315 Corey Avenue under Case No. 23047; the motion passed unanimously.**

b. **Local Historic Designation Case #23048: 1301 Gulf Way (Sabal Palms Inn)**

Consultant Lynn Rosetti pointed out a correction – the property owner provided her a copy of the business license, and the property has 11 units, not 10. Ms. Rosetti reviewed a presentation for this request including exhibits – aerial and historic photos, zoning (THD/RFO/PAG), and criteria

(Sec. 28-22 of the Land Development Code), corresponding to this request. She provided additional historic background. Her presentation is part of the meeting record. Staff recommendation was for approval.

Brief Board discussion and Q&A followed with Ms. Rosetti.

Property owner Joe Caruso appeared and provided some additional historic information; his family has owned the property since the early 1970's. The building is in need of updating/modifications.

**Motion: Member Micklitsch moved, and Member Young seconded approval of the request for Local Historic Designation of 1301 Gulf Way (Sabal Palms Inn, LLC) under Case No. 23048; the motion passed unanimously.**

#### **5. Discussion Items**

**Added:** Ms. Rosetti reported that the City's DonCesar/Belle vista survey project has been funded by the State and contract should be coming soon. Survey work will be done this year on all properties that are 50+ years old in the DonCesar neighborhood (approximately 177). In Belle Vista, as many properties will be surveyed with the available funds surveys as possible with the funds will be conducted in Belle Vista (there are at least 156 there). She added that last year, Pinellas County received a grant to survey some of the repetitive loss areas in the county, which included St. Pete Beach, to protect some of these areas as flooding gets worse; approximately 102 properties in Belle Vista have already been surveyed. Ms. Rosetti explained that once the City receives the contract, Requests for Proposals will go out; those will be reviewed to choose the most appropriate consulting firm. A kick-off meeting for the two neighborhoods can be expected and a wrap-up with this Board after completion.

The Corey Avenue Survey request was accepted. It will go to the State Review Board in August; Ms. Rosetti will attend remotely.

Chief Operating Officer Jennifer McMahon added that Assistant City Attorney McConnell has finished the Resolution with changes per the last discussion. Staff is coordinating with Chair Loughery which Commission meeting he will be able to attend to place it on that agenda.

#### **6. Adjournment/Next Meeting – August 3, 2023.**

**The Chair moved to adjourn the meeting and Member Hurley seconded at 3:07 PM.**

*These minutes were approved at the August 3, 2023 Historic Preservation Board meeting.*