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CITY OF FORT PIERCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Minutes

OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FORT PIERCE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 28, 2014, IN FORT PIERCE CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH US HIGHWAY 1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Annie Kate Jackson; Paul Sampson; Peggy Harris, Vice-Chair; Suzanne Boardman; Brad Culverhouse; Jean-Ellen Wilson; Holly Theuns; Charlie Hayek

Absent: Sonja M. Gates

Staff Present: Kori Benton, Historic Preservation Officer
Karen Emerson, Assistant City Attorney
Alicia Rosenthal, Administrative Assistant

Mr. Hayek left the meeting since only one alternate was needed.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of June 23, 2014 meeting

Motion was made by Brad Culverhouse, and seconded by Annie Kate Jackson to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2014 meeting with amended change by Mr. Culverhouse.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Paul Sampson, Suzanne Boardman, Brad Culverhouse, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Holly Theuns, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Replacement of original and non-original stucco work on main façade of a Contributing Historic Structure located at 211 Orange Avenue

Mr. Benton gave an overview of the project.

Motion was made by Annie Kate Jackson, and seconded by Brad Culverhouse to approve the replacement of original and non-original stucco work on main facade based upon the current condition of the stucco, non-original portions present, and compliance with Secretary of Interior Standard 9.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Holly Theuns, Suzanne Boardman, Brad Culverhouse,
Jean-Ellen Wilson, Paul Sampson, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

- b. Installation of a 5' tall chain link fence at a Contributing Historic Site located at 601 South 8th Street

Mr. Benton gave an overview of the project. The applicant, Aleena Moreno, along with her neighbors, Irene Settlemeyer and Dr. Joseph Patt commented. Ms. Moreno provided photos of near by homes with chain link fences. Assistant City Attorney Emerson stated that only homes in the Oakland Park district with a COA would be relevant.

Ms. Theuns asked the applicant, Ms. Moreno, how she feels about a white picket fence. Ms. Boardman asked Ms. Moreno if she looked at the cost of a wood panel fence. Ms. Moreno stated she wants a security fence where she can see out. Ms. Wilson stated that the consideration of security would be important in this regard and a wood fence does not allow the air in and a picket fence is not secure. Mr. Culverhouse stated that when you buy a home in a historic neighborhood you have certain responsibilities. You can't put up a non-historic aesthetic fence in a historic neighborhood. Mr. Sampson stated there is no way to know from the pictures provided by Ms. Moreno, when the fences were installed, whether they were permitted, if they had a COA or where the properties are located.

Mr. Culverhouse received an emergency phone call and he did not return to the meeting.

Ms. Theuns asked how the 25 foot right of way showed up on the diagram. Mr Benton stated the right of way line begins at the termination of the property line, not at the edge of the pavement. Mr. Sampson asked how the board can base their opinion on pictures of fences that were not permitted and did not come before the board. Ms. Boardman stated that she lives in the Edgartown Historic District and when she moved in, she was required to take down the existing chain link fence. She now has a wood panel on panel fence that she gets quite a bit of breeze through it and you can kind of see through it.

Motion was made by Paul Sampson, and seconded by Suzanne Boardman to deny the request to install a 5' tall chain link fence based upon Secretary of Interior Standards 2 & 9.

AYE: Paul Sampson, Suzanne Boardman, Holly Theuns, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

NAY: Jean-Ellen Wilson, Annie Kate Jackson

Passed

Mr. Culverhouse did not rejoin the meeting for roll call.

Motion was made by Paul Sampson, and seconded by Holly Theuns to direct staff to look into other fences that are not historically appropriate and possibly not permitted in all the historic districts.

AYE: Jean-Ellen Wilson, Suzanne Boardman, Holly Theuns, Annie Kate Jackson, Paul
Sampson, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

6. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Ms. Jackson nominated Ms. Harris for Chair. Ms. Theuns nominated Mr. Sampson for Chair. The board decided that one nominee should be the Chair and the other nominee should be the Vice-Chair. After discussion, Mr. Sampson was nominated Chair and Ms. Harris was confirmed Vice-Chair.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Paul Sampson, Suzanne Boardman, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Holly Theuns, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

7. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Motion was made by Paul Sampson, and seconded by Annie Kate Jackson to excuse the absence of Chairwoman Gates.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Paul Sampson, Holly Theuns, Suzanne Boardman, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

8. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Benton stated there are three potential historic designations on the horizon. The first is the change of status from non-contributing to contributing to the Rosslow's structure. The second designation is a structure at 809 N. 9th Street, which is the facility in which Zora Neale Hurston passed away in. Her room has been converted into an exhibit. The third designation is for a property owner at 1907 Avenue P. The structure is just over 50 years old and has been improved quite significantly. A designation may be in the works for Williams Department Store on Avenue E and 18th Street.

Mr. Benton stated preliminary photos were sent out of the St. Anastasia School House window retrofit. The windows are 90% complete on the facility but quite a bit of work needs to be done on the inside of the building. Ms. Boardman mentioned a tree growing out of the roof, along with dead pigeons and pigeon droppings inside the structure. Mr. Sampson asked how the humidity is going to be controlled in the building now that the windows have closed off the building. The structure celebrates its 100th anniversary this year.

Mr. Benton stated there has been extensive discussion regarding the mural and the proposed stucco overlay from the last board meeting. The city staff received an appeal for the board's decision and it is scheduled for the second city commission meeting in August. To avoid the appeal, the city staff is working diligently to propose alternatives such as offering paint, materials and a replacement mural to appease the property owner and come to an amicable solution. Board member, Holly Theuns reached out to a few artists and muralist from Art Mundo in an attempt to provide some type of resolution and provide the property owner with options. A preliminary conceptual design was received from Skip Fuller. In the event a replacement mural proposal is received from the property owner, it will be brought back before the board for consideration. Mr. Sampson suggested that FPAT donate money to help out with the mural.

A new T-shirt business is opening in the downtown district called Noble Haus that uses dye-sublimation. They do some work with Guy Harvey and Hook and Tackle.

Motion was made by Paul Sampson, and seconded by Suzanne Boardman to talk with Libby Woodruff about using FPAT funds to help with the cost of the mural.

AYE: Jean-Ellen Wilson, Suzanne Boardman, Paul Sampson, Annie Kate Jackson, Holly Theuns, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

Motion was made by Suzanne Boardman, and seconded by Paul Sampson to send a letter voicing the boards concerns of the St. Anastasia School House to the the City Manager, Commission and the Contract Administrator.

AYE: Annie Kate Jackson, Paul Sampson, Suzanne Boardman, Jean-Ellen Wilson, Holly Theuns, Vice-Chair Peggy Harris

Passed

9. ADJOURNMENT

Any person seeking to appeal the decision of the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida, as to the foregoing, is advised that a record of the proceedings is required in any such appeal, and any such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.