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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, OCTOBER 28, 2024, 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: Betty Jo Starke; Anthony Westbury; Charlie Hayek; Andrea Anicito; KeAndrea Davis, Chair

Absent: Minnie Spivey; Patrece Frisbee

Staff Present: Andrea Duenas, Assistant City Attorney
Maria Lewicka, Historic Preservation Planner
Alicia Rosenthal, Planning and Development Organizer

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Minutes from the September 23, 2024 meeting

Motion was made by Andrea Anicito, and seconded by Charlie Hayek to approve the minutes from the September 23, 2024, meeting.

AYE: Anthony Westbury, Charlie Hayek, Andrea Anicito, Betty Jo Starke, Chair KeAndrea Davis

Passed

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

a. **Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-00010 - Demolition - 423 N. 6th Street**

The clerk introduced Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-00010 for demolition of a building at 423 N. 6th Street.

The chair called the proceeding to order.

The clerk confirmed the City complied with the advertisement and notice requirements.

The chair inquired with the Board regarding ex-parte communications and asked the Clerk to call the roll:

Mr. Hayek - no

Ms. Anicito- no

Ms. Starke - no

Mr. Westbury - no

Chair Davis - no

The chair opened the public hearing.

The clerk was asked to swear in those wanting to speak during this Quasi-Judicial hearing. Individuals in the audience intending to speak on the item were asked to stand, raise their right hand, and administered an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Staff Presentation:

Maria Lewicka, Historic Preservation Planner, stated the one-story 780 square foot building with a sheet metal gable roof was built in 1924, which the applicant is requesting approval to demolish. Ms. Lewicka showed interior and exterior pictures of the building. She said the building proposed for demolition is in very poor condition and was left to deteriorate for an extended period of time. Ms. Lewicka stated the application meets the criteria for demolition. She noted the lot will be sodded because there are no plans to build at this time. Ms. Lewicka stated that staff recommends the Historic Preservation Board approve the demolition request with the recommendation that a new development will take place as soon as possible and in a style and manner compatible with the surrounding historical district.

Board questions for staff: none

Applicant Presentation: Danielle Beckford from L.E.B. demolition, applicant, sworn, stated they were contacted by the owner to demolish the property.

Board questions for Applicant: Mr. Hayek asked the applicant if they knew the cost to relocate the building to the Historical Museum. Ms. Starke asked if there was a Historic Preservation trust fund that could be used for this purpose.

Staff final comments: Ms. Lewicka said the cost to move the building is substantial, and she does not know who would pay to move the building. She said there is grant money available for certain types of historical structures, but not a general fund to do something like move a building.

Applicant final comments: none

The Chair, seeing no one else, closed the public hearing.

Comments by the Board: none

Motion was made by Andrea Anicito, and seconded by Anthony Westbury to approve Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-00010 for the building demolition located at 423 N. 6th Street with a recommendation that a new development will take place as soon as possible and in a style and manner compatible with the surrounding Historic District

AYE: Charlie Hayek, Andrea Anicito, Betty Jo Starke, Anthony Westbury, Chair KeAndrea Davis

Passed

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Administratively Approved Certificates of Appropriateness - September 2024

7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

8. CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Motion was made by Andrea Anicito, and seconded by Betty Jo Starke to approve the absences of Ms. Spivey and Dr. Frisbee.

AYE: Andrea Anicito, Betty Jo Starke, Anthony Westbury, Charlie Hayek, Chair KeAndrea Davis

Passed

9. ADJOURNMENT