



THE SUNRISE CITY
FORT PIERCE
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
AND CITY COMMISSION

Florida

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Florida Division of Historic Resources
State Historic Preservation Office

Re: Letter of Support for Main Street Fort Pierce's Small Matching Grant Application

Dear Grant Review Committee,

As Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, I am pleased to offer my strongest support for Main Street Fort Pierce's application to the Florida Division of Historic Resources' Small Matching Grant Program to complete a comprehensive historic building survey within the designated Main Street Fort Pierce district.

Fort Pierce is home to an exceptional collection of historic commercial, civic, and residential buildings that reflect the community's evolution and contribute significantly to its identity and economic vitality. As our landscape continues to experience reinvestment and growth, it is essential that decisions regarding redevelopment and preservation be guided by accurate, current documentation of these historic resources.

The proposed survey represents an important investment in the long-term stewardship of our historic built environment. By identifying, documenting, and evaluating historic properties within the Main Street district, this project will create an updated inventory that will support preservation planning, inform local decision-making, assist property owners seeking rehabilitation opportunities, and strengthen future applications for state and federal preservation programs. The completed survey will also enhance opportunities for heritage tourism, educational programming, and economic development rooted in Fort Pierce's unique historic character.

Main Street Fort Pierce has consistently demonstrated its commitment to preservation-based revitalization by fostering partnerships, supporting local businesses, promoting heritage tourism, and encouraging investment in our historic downtown. This project directly advances those efforts by providing the foundational data necessary to preserve our community's historic resources while supporting thoughtful growth and redevelopment.

The City of Fort Pierce values its partnership with Main Street Fort Pierce and recognizes the organization's leadership in preserving and promoting our historic downtown. The outcomes of this project will benefit residents, business owners, visitors, preservation professionals, and public agencies by providing reliable information that will guide preservation initiatives for years to come.

I believe this project exemplifies the goals of the Florida Division of Historic Resources by documenting and preserving Florida's historic places while encouraging their continued use as community assets. I respectfully urge the review committee to give Main Street Fort Pierce's application its highest consideration.

Thank you for your dedication to preserving Florida's rich history and for considering this important project.

Sincerely,

Linda Hudson
Mayor
City of Fort Pierce