

**COLLIER COUNTY
HISTORIC/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION BOARD (HAPB)**

**MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2023**

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, the Collier County Historic/Archaeological Preservation Board in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:31 AM in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Growth Management Department, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

BOARD: Austin Bell, Chairman
Elizabeth Perdichizzi
Barry O'Brien
Janice O'Connell
Hank Sentowski
Zach Burch
Ray Bellows

ALSO PRESENT: Amanda Townsend, Museum Director
Tim Finn, Principal Planner
Ray Bellows, Planning Manager
Ailyn Padron, Management Analyst I, Zoning Division

1. Roll Call/Attendance

- **Austin Bell:** We have a quorum.

2. Addenda to the Agenda

A. Two H/A Waiver Requests

Add the two waiver requests under New Business.

- **Janice O'Connell:** Motion so moved
- **Elizabeth Perdichizzi:** Seconded
All in favor – aye.

3. Approval of the Agenda As Amended

- **Janice O'Connell:** Motion to approve
- **Zach Burch:** Seconded
All in favor – aye.

4. Approval of Minutes, June 16, 2023

- **Austin Bell:** A few corrections: Under item number 5, Old Business, it is Quit Claim Deeds; Speaker 3 –Ray Bellows; correct the spelling from John Barrio to Beriault; add page numbers.
- **Janice O'Connell:** Approve the minutes as amended
- **Barry O'Brien:** Seconded the motion
All in favor – aye.

5. Old Business

A. Rosemary Cemetery (Plot W) Historic Designation Update

- **Amanda Townsend:** After a bit of tuning with the County Attorney's office to make some assurances that the signatories on the quit claim deeds that we are working on, the legitimacy because they are deceased, we came up with some signature blocks offered to those tenants and the property owners to get those back fully executed.

B. Reappointment to HAPB for Barry O'Brien and Janice O'Connell

- **Austin Bell:** Motion made to forward these applications to the Board of County Commissioners for approval.
- **Elizabeth Perdichizzi:** Seconded the motion.
All in favor – aye. Mr. O'Brien and Ms. O'Connell abstained from the vote.

6. Discussion of Waivers:

(1) Goodland Request

- **Ray Bellows:** Procedurally since this was not advertised, I wanted to give you a heads up for the next meeting where we would take the official vote to approve or not approve. So today is a general discussion.

- **Austin Bell:** I had asked if we could get the probability map along with the packet. One of the concerns, as I understood it, was that it included all of Goodland not just an area of archaeological probability, but an actual site. It is HCR45 which is a well-known site in the archaeological record.

They have in their waiver request a pre-field archival research was conducted by an archaeologist from the University of Indianapolis and their report as well as other reports are not included as part of the package. I would like to see those reports. It also says there's a review of the Florida master site file database which shows no previously recorded archaeological sites. From their plans, it appears they want to install a cell phone tower, dig perhaps ten feet into the ground. There could be strata intact, cultural deposits underneath the surface. They didn't recognize not only HCR45 but other archaeological sites in the area. It raised red flags for me.

- **Ray Bellows:** Waivers like this can have conditions as well, so there's concern. Maybe a full archaeological survey assessment which we can stipulate or have a certified archaeologist monitoring the excavation and stop it if they find archaeological artifacts.

Known archaeological sites are typically required to do survey assessments. And where there's some debate whether there are archaeological sites, you can always include this condition to monitor.

- **Austin Bell:** It's not a huge service area that they are asking to dig but it is a well-documented archaeology site. We've got to be careful about this one.

(2) Discussion of Goodland Waiver via Zoom –Ms. Thomas, Verizon

- **Ms. Thomas:** I am the Project Manager for funding for these two waivers on behalf of Verizon. Having an archaeologist on site to survey is a request that we've seen in the past and would be more than happy to accommodate. These are basically utility poles – the depth is up to ten feet.
- **Austin Bell:** The waiver request justification #4 there was a preview archival research mentioned as well as the final report production and it would be useful to us to review as part of the application process prior to our next meeting.
- **Ms. Thomas:** Yes, that is something that we can provide.

(3) Discussion of Goodlette-Frank/Pine Ridge Road Waiver

- **Austin Bell:** It is within the area of archaeology probability of the intersection right on the corner at the edge of the boundary. I didn't see any archaeological sites, at least in the map that was provided to us by the County. I would be curious to know why that is in area of archaeological probability. Is there a water source? Is there a site within a certain distance?
- **Ray Bellows:** It could be part of the probability area's proximity to the unmarked burial cemetery. We thought we would play it safe.

- **Austin Bell:** Again, pre-archival research was done and there was a report produced but not attached to the waiver request.
- **Janice O'Connell:** In the packet, item #A2, there is a very thorough explanation of why that would be justified. There is some concern here with regards to doing it right and getting it right.
- **Zachary Burch:** Has that water always been there or built as part of the subdivision?
- **Amanda Townsend:** My historical memory is water retention for the road.
- **Austin Bell:** It also has the same language about a review of the Florida master site files showing no previously recorded sites within the APE. It said that for the Goodland waiver request, and there are several sites within the APE. I ask if they can go back and review if that's something feasible to do before our next meeting.
- **Ray Bellows:** We can follow up with the applicant and give them a copy of our probability maps and site designations.
- **Austin Bell:** With those requests being made, are we ready to table this for discussion for the next meeting with the hope of having more information that can better inform us on the final decision?
- **Janice O'Connell:** Motion so moved.
- **Hank Sentowski:** Seconded.
All in favor – aye.

- **Ray Bellows:** Further discussion of:
 - Reach out to the applicant on these waivers.
 - Provide copies of our historic and archaeological maps
 - Coordinate copies and forward those copies to the Board

7. Review of Project and Activity Log

- **Ray Bellows:** At a previous board meeting it was determined that the City of Marco Island wasn't interested in a formal local agreement. We should remove that as completed and as a non-proceeding item.

8. Public Comments

Two on-line speakers – Bennett Thomas and Scott Emory

No further comments specifically for the two waivers that were discussed.

9. HAPB Comments

- **Janice O'Connell:** At a previous meeting we authorized a letter to be sent out to someone who is potentially going to do development.
No response to the letter.
- **Amanda Townsend:** Our division of Historic Resources Grant for restoration of the cottages is moving forward. We have engaged the architect who designed the work to follow through with the existence and construction of the site. Our next steps will be to prepare documents and get our contractor to come in and do that work. There is no action on the ground, but the paperwork is moving forward.

- **Ray Bellows:** This construction proposal development is part of a previously approved certificate of appropriateness by this Board?
- **Amanda Townsend:** Yes. At Roberts Ranch we have an American Rescue Plan Grant to recreate to the best of our ability the vegetable garden and citrus growth that would have been extended property when Roberts lived there. We have engaged a landscape architect and he's starting to design what that might look like permanently. All of the harvest will be a food enhancement for the community.

Our new exhibit that just opened last Saturday at the Collier Museum Government Center celebrates twenty years of Conservation Collier and is an important natural resources and archaeological site. That preserve became an important stopover for migrating birds— warblers that are making thousand-mile journeys are finding that those three acres is where they can take a rest.

- **Austin Bell:** We have a new exhibit at the Marco Island Historical Museum, Jim Freeman's photography called From the Gulf to the Glades which is on display through early November.

Unrelated, would it be possible to get the HAPB website updated? It still has the prior Board members and clicking on the link to see the minutes did not work.

- **Ray Bellows:** We'll get that updated.
- **Janice O'Connell:** How are budgets formulated in the County and where does the money come from that helps support the programs, museums, etc.? After our visit to not only the Government Center site and other places I have visited, I felt that there needs to be more money in the budget to do some things that really need to be done.
- **Austin Bell:** Maybe Amanda or Ray would know better about how that all works.
- **Ray Bellows:** Collier County has a unique approach toward our budgets. All the departments in the County provide a budget for the next five years. And there's the ability for the Board (of Commissioners) to adjust those projections.
- **Amanda Townsend:** Parks and libraries fall underneath the AUIR which is the Annual Update and Inventory Report and that is a five-year capital planning window associated with keeping up with growth. In a sense it is tied to expenditure impact fees. Museums are not part of the AUIR process. Museums are different in that our primary funding source is tourist taxes. However, our tourist tax allocation is currently capped through the ordinance at \$2,000,000 and then the General Fund steps in.

Further discussion regarding:

- This Fall we will be preparing to have conversations with the public and then eventually the Board of County Commissioners.
- A strategic plan for a rough and ugly new five-year plan.
- What the future looks like.
- As a citizen we can make sure you're on the museum's mailing list.
- Community focus groups.

- As a citizen you can be involved but not the HAPB.
- **Zachary Burch:** Any plans for future museum trips?
- **Amanda Townsend:** We have on our calendars provisionally for the HAPB to visit Roberts Ranch in November.

10. Adjournment

- **Janice O'Connell:** Motion to adjourn.
- **Hank Sentowski:** Seconded.
All in favor – aye.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.

Next meeting date: Friday, September 15, 2023

Collier County Historic/Archaeological Preservation Board



Austin Bell, Chairman

These minutes were approved by the Chairman of the HAPB

on Sept. 15, 2023, (check one) as submitted _____ or as
amended ✓.