

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF COLLIER COUNTY
HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

Naples, Florida, March 19, 2008

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board in and for the County of Collier, having conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:15 AM in REGULAR SESSION at the Collier County Community Development Services Division Conference Room #610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Perdichizzi
William Dempsey
Thomas Franchino
Patricia Huff
Sharon Kenny
John Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Melissa Zone, Principal Planner, Zoning Dept.
Jeff Wright, Assistant County Attorney

1. **Roll call/Attendance:** The meeting was called to order at 9:18 by **Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi**. Roll call was taken and a quorum established.
2. **Addenda to the Agenda:**

Under Old Business:
Patricia Huff requested adding discussion and update of the Historical and Archaeological Preservation Board Brochure

Under New Business:
Chairman Perdichizzi requested discussion of monthly bulletins for sharing information on items of current interest.
3. **Approval of Minutes: December 19, 2007**

Following a brief review of the Minutes:

Tom Franchino moved to approve the minutes of December 19, 2007, as presented. Second by John Thompson. Carried unanimously, 6-0.
4. **Department of Zoning & Land Development Review Report: None**
5. **Old Business:**
 - a. **JT's Island Grill & Gallery update**

Melissa Zone reported that JT's Island Grill is scheduled to go before the Board of County Commissioners for Historic Designation on May 13, 2008. Everything has been finalized for that designation.
 - b. **Frances Hodge Community Center update**

Melissa Zone reported that Frances Hodge Community Center is also slated to go before the Board of County Commissioners for Historic Designation on May 13, 2008. However, she noted that the building has been condemned. But, the petition for designation had been provided in time for the Board to review before the condemnation.

She has been working with Bob Dunn, Building Dept. and Michelle Arnold, Code Enforcement, who are willing to hold off on demolition until designation is considered by the BCC. Code Enforcement recommendation was- if, in two years, there has been no improvements to the site, they will move forward with the demolition.

Patricia Huff, in considering the safety of the building, has been working with the Mayor of Everglades City to fence the area. He has expressed enthusiasm about the preservation and, is working on raising funds.

She will be meeting with community members who are interested in bringing the site back as a church and community center.

She showed a painting of the building done in 1980 by Paul Arsenault, who had visited the church site in the 1970's. Because he and other artists were excited about the designation and restoration efforts, he had loaned the painting to be used by the Everglades Historical Society for fundraising.

Melissa Zone suggested the artists and community members be invited to the May 13th hearing.

Patricia Huff stated the property was given to Frances Hodge by the church, and

is now in her estate. She told the Board Members it is unclear what the church community wants to do with the property.

William Dempsey inquired if the estate is willing to donate it to the County, it could be donated to the museum. He asked Patricia Huff to invite a representative of the church community to the next HAPB meeting.

Melissa Zone stated the County could not accept it if its purpose was for an active church and not for a museum or community center, citing County legal concerns involved. She suggested a letter to County Manager, Jim Mudd, from the Everglades Historical Committee if they are considering such a donation to see if the County is interested in acquiring it, as it needs a lot of restoration. The need for preservation and the public's interest in it would be considered.

Patricia Huff will find the church community's representative or the core person in the community, and meet with the Mayor. She will report further to the Board Members to consider what support can be given by HAPB.

c. Nehrling's Tropical Garden update

Melissa Zone reported that the tree survey was completed. Some parts of the survey were questioned and were sent back to be made more accurate. Once in hand it will be attached to the Summary Agenda with HAPB recommendations and moved forward to Public Hearing. It will go before the BCC in April or May. She will have the completed map available at the April HAPB meeting and will e-mail it to the Members.

Chairman Perdichizzi brought up the news article published on March 8 which had a few inaccuracies that also were in a commentary written by David Draipsa. The Zoo and the County are working together to move forward; not working against each other as implied in the article.

Sharon Kenny, who is also a member of the Zoo Board, spoke about both articles and the inaccuracies. Her concern was that David Draipsa will once again work to have the item pulled from consideration by BCC.

Melissa Zone will e-mail both articles to the Members. She stated the BCC was in favor of the proposal; they just needed it brought back to them with the tree survey.

Tom Franchino commented that at a meeting last October HAPB decided not to take further action until the Zoo set out their Master Plan and there was a unanimous approval of the proposal; with no lobbying the BCC to have it pulled.

Sharon Kenny remarked that it was not the Zoo Board, but a County staff person in cooperation with David Tetzlaff who lobbied against it. She formally requested to have Marla Ramsey speak at the next meeting to state what her plans are; explain her actions and, if and why she is working against HAPB, since she was quoted in the article as being critical of the Zoo Board and designation process. The Board Members were assured that the Zoo Board is supportive of the preservation of the trees and of the designation, contrary to the perception expressed the news articles.

William Dempsey commented that with the Access Road Plan, the Zoo Master Plan and the Tree Survey, the GIS system can do an overlay to assure all is in place. The Board Members were eager to move forward with the process.

Melissa Zone reviewed the next steps to get the Historic Designation approved by the BCC. Once approved, an Archaeologist must be present when the access road is dug and it will be designed to meander around the trees as stated in the recommendations. Trees will not be able to be removed without approval by the HAPB.

As requested by Tom Franchino, Melissa also provided copies of the revised proposed recommendation to which the tree survey will be attached, with the Summary Agenda.

d. Brochure: See Item 7. Addenda To the Agenda

This item was taken up after item 6. a.

Discussion revolved around the items to be included in the Brochure. It was decided that sites other than those officially designated as historical should be included. Research information would need to be obtained from the Museum. **Melissa Zone** suggested waiting to complete the brochure until all three Historic Designations have been approved in order for them to be listed as such.

It was also discussed whether it could be put on the County's website. Melissa Zone agreed, but cautioned a need for creating protections from any altering capabilities

Patricia Huff noted that many important historic sites in Everglades City are being demolished through development. Many are on private property; difficult to have protection for preservation of buildings.

6. New Business:

a. Distribution of 2008 Sunshine Amendments & Code of Ethics information

Jeff Wright went over a few points in the Sunshine Law Booklet, especially cautioning against communications between Board Members outside of an advertised meeting, open to the public. That included written notes and e-mails. Only one-way communications allowed; responses can be a violation. He gave several examples and said communications may be made to staff. Severe penalties could result from infractions of the Sunshine Law. He also spoke about conflict of interest. If a conflict is suspected, it needs to be announced for the record. He announced that any questions on either subject can be directed to him and he provided a contact phone number.

William Dempsey left at 10:03 a.m.

Discussion continued on various aspects of Sunshine Law and Conflict of Interest. **Jeff Wright** read excerpts from Attorney General Opinions (AGO 89-23 and AGO 01-20)

b. Invitation to comment on Sprint Spectrum LP Tower Site

This item was not ready for review as information was not forthcoming to Staff.

c. Review and Recommendation of Member Application

The application for Craig Woodward, who had applied for a position on the Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board under the Law/Urban Planning

category, was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Woodward, as a long time resident, was personally known by several members of the Board and was highly recommended for the position.

John Thompson moved to approve recommending to the Board of County Commissioners, Craig Woodward, as a member of the Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board. Second by Tom Franchino. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

7. Discussion of Addenda

*Old Business: Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board Brochure
Previously discussed*

*New Business: Monthly Bulletin to share items of current interest
Not taken up at this time*

8. Announcements

The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2008 at 9:15 AM

There being no further business to be conducted for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 10:30 A.M.

**HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL
PRESERVATION BOARD**

Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on _____ as presented _____ or as amended _____.