

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

Naples, Florida, January 16, 2013

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 A.M. in REGULAR SESSION in Conference Room #607, Collier County Growth Management Division – Planning and Regulation , 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: William Dempsey (excused)
VICE CHAIRMAN: Matthew Betz (excused)
Patricia Huff
Sharon Kenny (excused)
Elizabeth Perdichizzi
Rich Taylor
Craig Woodward

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Manager – Zoning Services
Fred Reischl, Staff Liaison
Ronald Dortch, Clerk of Courts office

I. Roll Call/Attendance

Acting Chairman Craig Woodward called the meeting to order at 9:17 A.M. Roll call was taken and a quorum established.

II. Addenda to the Agenda

ADD: Under New Business - VI- B. Lewis House Update

III. Approval of the Agenda

Elizabeth Perdichizzi moved to approve the Agenda, including the Addenda item VI - B. Second by Rich Taylor. Carried unanimously, 4-0.

IV. Approval of the Minutes: December 19, 2012

Rich Taylor moved to recommend approval of the Minutes of December 19, 2012, as presented. Second by Elizabeth Perdichizzi. Carried unanimously 4-0.

V. Old Business

A. Mar-Good County Park Update

Craig Woodward turned the topic over to Ray Bellows who had researched back records and provided a brief timeline of what had transpired.

Ray Bellows stated Barry Williams had been invited to this HAPB meeting, but he had not responded.

Fred Reischl stated Barry Williams had assigned Tony Ruberto, formerly with Parks and Recreation, but now with Facilities, to look into the issues. Fred had not heard anything back from either Tony or Barry.

Elizabeth Perdichizzi inquired of Mr. Dortch, his interest in the Mar-Good property.

Mr. Dortch responded his attendance as an observer was requested by the County Clerk, Dwight Brock, in response to a letter received by a concerned citizen.

Ray Bellows explained the HAPB had brought the historic designation process up to the Executive Summary point; then, taken to the BCC hearing, along with site development plans, re-zoning and variances, which were approved. Due to an issue with termites and the inability of the County to fund restoration of all the buildings they needed time to assess everything, which the Preservation Board had granted. However, they never came back to the HAPB with their plans and proposals for the property and which buildings were to be saved; thus the designation was never finalized. However, the designation application was still on file and the issue still open.

Discussion followed on the visit the HAPB had made to the site, the artifacts requested to be preserved and the process to be taken to complete the Historic Designation, due to the renewed interest in moving forward with it.

Craig Woodward mentioned HAPB was not even involved with the County decisions of what transpired at Mar-Good Park until the Goodland Arts Alliance expressed interest in its designation; which would assist them in the restoration for their art workshops and exhibits project. He had met with Commissioner Donna Fiala on the matter and she was in favor of the idea. He asked to have the designation move forward; and, how to prevent the same situation from happening in the future.

Patty Huff suggested inviting someone from Parks and Recreation to the next meeting; as well as a representative from the Goodland Arts Alliance, to state their plans.

Craig Woodward will contact Tara O’Niell from the Arts Alliance and Fred Reichl will contact the Parks and Recreation representative.

Ray Bellows noted item A. under New Business responds to the issue of keeping tabs on project so they do not fall through the cracks. As an illustration, he distributed a spreadsheet containing the projects being worked on by the HAPB. The HAPB commented on this helpful tool and had several additions to add.

It was decided to review the list and make suggestion under New Business.

B. Discuss Revisions to the HAPB Application Forms

Copies of the current Application Forms (six) were distributed.

Ray Bellows informed the HAPB the Permitting Department was interested in making the permitting process easier and improving it. He asked for the Board’s input on updating the forms relative to the Preservation Board. He noted the Land Development Code provided the basis for the forms.

Elizabeth Perdichizzi noted there was no place on the Application to indicate there would be consequences if the site was in an area of probability and notifying the HAPB was ignored.

Ray Bellows responded the Building Department would provide that information when issuing permits for demolition, re-zoning, excavation or any other permit.

Patty Huff suggested adding a link to the website on the NOTICE form regarding Accidental Discovery of Archaeological Material During Construction, where it states “Complete copies of the Collier County Historical/Archaeological Preservation regulations are available upon request...”

Everyone agreed that was a good idea and provided many suggestions for the forms; including a notification about the benefits of historic designation.

Ray Bellows informed the HAPB that hundreds of permits were issued for many different situations in the course of the year. Claudine, the Supervisor of Permitting was in the process of improving the system. He will invite her to the next meeting to explain how and what triggers each form needed in certain circumstances; and, to receive suggestions from HAPB on improvements.

The Board will review the forms and consider changes on next month’s Agenda.

VI. New Business

A. Tracking Spreadsheet for Historic Projects and Issues

Ray Bellows explained the benefit of the spreadsheet to be attached to every Agenda to help both staff and the Preservation Board keep track of each project, what stage of progress it was in, follow-up and any comments noted. The HAPB was appreciative of the effort made to create the spreadsheet and made several suggestions and additions they would like to see included.

Patty Huff asked to have the Interlocal Agreement put back on the Agenda.

Craig Woodward explained about the process that had been previously discussed regarding the City Ordinance for Marco, mirroring the County Ordinance as a prototype, and the Inter-local Agreement he had drafted. He will meet with the City Planner to try to move things along.

Also he noted comments by Matthew Betz at a past meeting that information on the Probability Maps was outdated and needed to be revised.

Ray responded he would contact Growth Management regarding funding for the updates.

Craig suggested having Matthew give a presentation to HAPB on interim steps, to add to what was already in the maps. Some updating could be done with what had already been scanned in, along with input by Matthew and the County's own archaeologists, prior to contacting Growth Management.

Fred Reischl and Ray Bellows will contact Matthew Betz.

Patty Huff requested an update on the Smallwood case status at the next meeting and the addition of a case number to the spreadsheet.

B. Lewis House Update

Fred Reischl reported the owner of the house that was to be moved to the Bayshore property, and had inquired about having it designated historic, had withdrawn her request because she had been out-bid on the Naples property and would not be moving the Lewis House to Naples.

VII. Public Comments- None

VIII. Board Member Announcements

Patricia Huff announced:

- The Historic Society was raising funds for signs to be put on Public Buildings, to facilitate the many walking tours. The Museum of Everglades City and Community Church already had them. They were considering J.T.'s, which was in the Historic Guide. She stated future designations would include a request to the County Commissioners for funding of the signs.
- February 9 -10 will be the Seafood Festival
- March 9 – will be The Homer Tours. Included on the tour will be the Varick Niles house, across from the Ivy House, turned into her Artist Studio. They were looking into the Deaconess House, which was in bad shape. Craig Woodward had offered to look at it to see what could be done and try

to find someone to purchase and renovate it.

She noted historic homes were dwindling due to too many demolitions.

- April 27 – The celebration of the 85th anniversary of the Tamiami Trail.

Elizabeth Perdichizzi announced:

- March 2nd - “Viva 500 Celebration” cocktail party and dance at the Marco Island Museum will feature the Historic Re-enactors of Marco, who will dress as Florida historical figures; staying in character as they circulate through the crowd, answering questions.
- Historical Tours, begun over the summer received positive feedback and organizational plans were ongoing.

Craig Woodward announced upcoming events at the Marco Island Museum:

- February 5 at 7:00 pm - Michael Francis, who is leading groups to Spain for the Florida Humanities Council as part of the Viva 500 events, will be speaking on Florida history, prior to that of Jamestown.
- February 23 – An all-day County Symposium, as part of the Viva 500 celebration of 500 years of Florida history. It was being held on Marco Island because Caxambas was one of the oldest Spanish names on maps. It will feature various speakers including Bill Marquardt, professor and curator of the Calusa Indian Collection in Tallahassee. They will be discussing the Calusa Indians and the Spanish.
- March 2 - Viva la Marco 500 festival with bands and Florida foods
- March 5 – 7:00 pm -Photographer Carlton Ward will speak about the Florida Wildlife Expedition that traveled up the whole corridor of Florida ending at the Okefenokee Swamp.

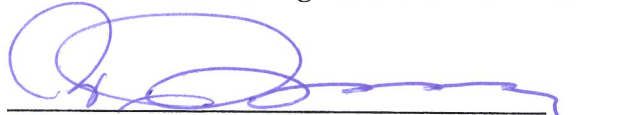
Patty Huff mentioned the first traveling Storter exhibit will be going to Orlando in May. Friends of the Museum of Everglades City put the collection together and it was currently stored in the Marco Island Museum. It will travel to museums around Florida. She will provide further information as it becomes available.

IX. Adjournment

The next meeting is February 20, 2013 at 9:15 AM.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 10:21 A.M.

Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board



Acting Chairman, Craig Woodward
 William J. Rempsey

These minutes were approved by the Board/Committee on 2/20/13
as presented _____, or as amended _____.