

February 15, 2019

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

Naples, Florida, February 15, 2019

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, 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 at the Collier County Growth Management Division – Planning and Regulation, Conference Room #610, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Eugene Erjavec  
VICE CHAIRMAN: Eileen Arsenault  
Elizabeth Perdichizzi (Excused)  
Austin Bell  
Elaine Reed (Excused)  
Stuart Miller  
George Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Planning Manager, Zoning Services  
Timothy Finn, Principal Planner, GMD  
Jessica Velasco, Staff Liaison, GMD  
Matt McLean, Director, Development Review

**1. Roll Call/Attendance:**

**Chairman Erjavec** called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m., roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

**2. Addenda to Agenda**

The following items were added to the Agenda:

- 5.E Old Train Depot – Bill Odery
- 5.F Sunniland Oil Field Sign
- 5.G Horr Island - Chairman Erjavec
- 5.H Meeting with Marco Island Staff - Chairman Erjavec

**3. Approval of Agenda**

*Mr. Miller moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Mr. Thompson. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

**4. Approval of Minutes: January 18, 2019**

*Mr. Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2019 meeting as presented. Second by Mr. Bell. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

**5. Old Business**

**A. Twin Eagles Archaeological Assessment – Update**

**Mr. Bellows** reported:

- A site currently owned by GL Homes (formerly permitted by Twin Eagles) was approved for a residential development based on a cultural assessment identifying preservation of numerous sites of historical or archeological significance.
- During clearing of the site by GL Homes for agricultural uses, it has come to the attention of the County several sites of the sites intended for preservation were damaged.

**Mr. McLean** noted notification is required when agricultural clearing is proposed and the plan submitted to the County was consistent with the approved plans and the owner was notified he could clear the site as permitted. No new cultural assessment or specific permit is required for agricultural clearing.

**Bob Carr Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, Inc.**, consultant for GL Homes noted the property was cleared and he was notified after the fact and did not monitor the activity. The area should have been marked originally, however there is not a legal requirement to mark the site prior to an agricultural clearing activity.

**John Asher, GL Homes** reported:

- The plans provided to GL Homes by Passarella and Associates, Inc. did not show preservation of any areas outside of those identified as wetlands.
- A new assessment has been completed including correspondence with the representatives of the State of Florida Lindsay Rothrock.
- Investigation reveals 3 sites were destroyed, 4 in the wetland preserves remain intact, and 2 others were damaged.
- There was no benefit to clearing the areas in question, rather a mistake in communication between the parties.

During Committee discussion the following was noted:

- Consideration may need to be given to requiring monitoring for those properties with archaeological and historical sites proposed for agricultural clearing.
- It may be beneficial to obtain an independent third party analysis on the current conditions of the sites.
- Concern the sites destroyed were pristine in nature and changes may need to be made in the process moving forward to prevent destruction of sites occurring on other properties.

**Mr. McLean** reported the application is at the PPL (Subdivision Plans and Plat) stage with a final approval by the Board of County Commissioners required. The process is on hold pending a recommendation from the HAPB.

**Mr. Asher** reported GL Homes would like to develop the area of the three destroyed sites, one is in a proposed lake and the other two allow buffering of homes.

The Board expressed concern on allowing development of the damaged sites given the history of the activity as it may set a future precedent for other developers. They noted options include delaying any decision until further information is obtained or recommending all sites be preserved as required in the original permit.

*Mr. Thompson moved to recommend the Board of County Commissioner require the landowner to retain all sites identified for preservation in the original approval as protected and undeveloped. Second by Chairman Erjavec. Carried unanimously 5 – 0.*

The Board noted Mr. Asher could bring information forward for reconsideration by the Board.

*Mr. Asher reported Mr. Erjavec is permitted to visit the site should he so desire.*

**B. Historic Guide Update**

Staff reported the guide is ready for print and 10,000 copies will be published for distribution.

**C. Update to the Historic & Archaeological Probability Maps**

**Chairman Erjavec** reported the long term project is ongoing and he is obtaining additional data from various sources for the update and also coordinating with Staff on the endeavor.

**D. Horse Creek Estates Historic Marker – Update from Amanda Townsend**

**Mr. Bellows** reported he forwarded historic information to Ms Townsend on the site and will contact her to obtain an update on the funding available for the marker including if she has garnered any interest from the Homeowner's Association.

**E. Old Train Depot – Bill Odery**

**Bill Odery** addressed the Board noting since his appearance at the last meeting he is facing additional issues as the County got involved in enforcement of fire codes in the building and required he close during the seafood festival. He continues to look for direction from the Board who noted they will forward the contact information for Patricia Huff who may be able to provide some assistance in the matter. Additionally, recommended he meet with Building Official Jonathon Walsh to determine any issues which may be addressed under the building codes.

**F. Sunniland Oil Field Sign**

Mr. Bellows reported investigation is underway to determine any measures available to refurbish the historic site sign which is located in a County park.

**G. Horr Island - Chairman Erjavec**

Chairman Erjavec reported he visited the site and a fee is being charged to view the property. The fee is legal and mainly used to control access to the area.

**H. Meeting with City of Marco Island Staff - Chairman Erjavec**

Chairman Erjavec reported he met with Dan Smith and other Marco Island City Staff on archaeological preservation issues who requested Mr. Bellows forward them any relevant information on a potential Memorandum of Understanding with the County. He will coordinate with Mr. Smith and Mr. Bellows on the matter and provide updates to the Board as they become available.

**6. New Business**

None

**7. Review of Project and Activity Log**

The Board reviewed the "Collier County Archeological and Preservation Board Project Activity Tracking Log (Revised 2/7/19)"

The Board requested Staff to remove the Old Marco Inn from the list.

**8. Public Comment**

None

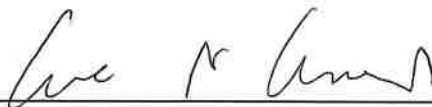
**9. HAPB Comments**

Ms. Arsenault reported a "Gatsby at the Cottage" will be held at the Palm Cottage on February 15<sup>th</sup> and there will be an opening reception for the exhibit of paintings by Paul Arsenault in Key West, "Coastal Trade: Bounty, Booty, and Boats of the Gulf and Glades from Naples to Key West" on February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned at 10:51 A.M.

**HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION BOARD**



Chairman, Eugene Erjavec

These meeting notes approved by the Board/Committee on March 15, 2019 as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended X.