

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

Naples, Florida, November 20, 2020

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 #610, Collier County Growth Management Division – Planning and Regulation Building, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Eugene (Gene) Erjavec
Austin Bell-(Z)
Elaine Reed-(Z)
Barry O'Brien
Elizabeth Perdichizzi-(Z)
Patricia Sherry
George Thompson

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Planning Manager, Zoning Services
Timothy Finn, Principal Planner, Growth Management
Alexandra Casanova, Operations Coordinator
Amanda Townsend, Collier County Museums

1. **Roll Call/Attendance**

Chairman Eugene Erjavec called the meeting to order at 9:23 A.M.

Roll call was taken and a quorum established.

(Four members were present in person; three members present via zoom.)

2. **Welcome New Members: Barry O'Brien and Patricia Sherry** were introduced and welcomed by the HAPB Chairman, County Staff and Board members.

3. **Addenda to the Agenda**

Amended to Move item #7A, New Business, to be addressed prior to #5, Approval of the Minutes.

4. **Approval of the Agenda**

George Thompson moved to approve the Agenda, including the change to take up item 7A. prior to Item 5. Second by Eugene Erjavec and Carried unanimously, 7-0.

Elaine Reed stated she had sent e-mails regarding Agenda items to be included on the Agenda which were omitted. She had sent an e-mail on Oct 20th recommending a presentation for December by April Olson from the Conservancy which was not acknowledged. It was in regard to a presentation about the development in eastern Collier County. On Sept 18 she had sent a letter from the State of Florida, Bureau of Archives -which was not addressed. She stressed that she had spent a great deal of time on these items which were not being addressed nor acknowledged. Elaine noted that items need to be put on the agenda in order to decide whether HAPB wants to deal with them or not; and, that HAPB needs to be informed of what is being planned for the future.

Chairman Eugene Erjavec apologized for the omission. An additional item will be added to the Agenda *under New Business -C. "Brief Discussion of presentation by April Olson re: Eastern Collier County"*.

The Letter from the State of Florida Bureau of Archives" will be addressed at December's HAPB meeting.

Item 7A was taken up next.

7 A. **Certificate of Appropriateness for Roberts Ranch Family Home -**

Amanda Townsend, Collier County Museum Director, spoke about Brent Trout, the new Manager at Roberts Ranch, and his plans for tours and various activities. She presented a detailed report of the highlights and improvements in process, and/or already completed, projected on an overhead screen, The HAPB members were provided copies of a detailed printout of the permit and construction plans and documents. She spoke about the background of Roberts Ranch, a 1926 to 1940 era structure, as well as the scope of the restoration project. Some of the improvements included: a dehumidifying system, a new HVAC unit, window

replacements, plumbing, chimney repairs, improving accessibility and restoring of the original paint color.

George Thompson commented on the remarkable planning and comprehensive quality of the project itself, as well as the thorough presentation by **Amanda Townsend**; and the attention to detail of the planned restoration project of this historic site.

Elaine Reed also commented on the thorough presentation by **Amanda Townsend**. She also complimented the architect of the project and requested his contact information from Amanda.

Eugene Erjavec called for a vote to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Roberts Ranch Family Home - which was unanimously approved by the entire HAPB.

Chairman Eugene Erjavec announced there would be a brief discussion on inviting **April Olson** to the December 18 HAPB meeting. The HAPB was in favor of hearing her presentation on what is happening with development in eastern Collier County. Following their unanimous consent, **Elaine Reed** will invite her to the next meeting to give a 30 minute presentation.

5. Approval of the Minutes: September 18, 2020

George Thompson moved to table the approval of the minutes of September 18, 2020, until the December 18, 2020 meeting, in order for the HAPB to have time to review those minutes. Second by Eugene Erjavec. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

6. Old Business

A. Distribution of the Updated Historic Guide

Copies of the completed Historic Guide were distributed to everyone present. Several boxes were available for members to take with them for distribution in their areas.

Chairman Eugene Erjavec noted a few changes and/or addition will be made for the next printing. He stated a list will be created of any changes to be added in future printings of the Historic Guide.

B. Marco Island Letter Status (Elaine Reed will send a copy of the letter to Patricia Sherry at her request)

Elaine Reed stated she had sent to the whole HAPB a 1968 letter from the State of Florida Bureau of Archives and History regarding how much longer it has been to have some type of designation in Marco Island acknowledging historic properties than it has been in Naples. She had asked Austin Bell to contact Pat Rutledge, who seemed to have enough information to move forward with this information.

Austin Bell noted that Patricia Rutledge is still trying to get on the City Manager's schedule. Both she and the City Manager were tied up with trying to fill several positions. Austin will try to follow up before the next HAPB meeting.

Elaine Reed explained the purpose of the letter for the benefit of the new members. She stated of the three options proposed, the HAPB had agreed on the option of an interlocal agreement. There was also an option to include the Marco Island Historical Society or not. She emphasized the fact that the City Manager of Marco Island and/or the Historical Society may have no knowledge about Certified Local governments and/or Interlocal agreements and how they work when it comes to historic preservation.

Ray Bellows suggested the letter's intent was to provide some options to the City of Marco Island's leaders, offering HAPB's assistance on how to deal with their preservation issues and historic resources. In regards to an interlocal agreement, he noted, it may be best to work through the County and City attorneys on how to move forward with them.

Amanda Townsend offered her assistance, as a member of the SW Florida Archaeological Society and the Collier County Museums, adding their support to the letter.

Austin Bell stated he did, at one time, approach the MIHS Board of Directors with a request to meet with the City Manager to bring the issue up at a Board of Directors meeting. The former City Manager did not understand Certified Local Govt. when it comes to preservation.

Amanda Townsend suggested SWAFAS and County Museums would offer their support. She will obtain their signatures for the letter.

Patricia Sherry made a motion to move forward with the letter to the City of Marco Island regarding an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Marco Island and Collier County, pending the addition of the signatures from SWAFAS and Collier County Museums; and, including the latest corrections noted on the draft and the current HAPB member's names. Second by Elaine Reed.

Chairman Eugene Erjavec questioned whether a vote could be taken pending the added changes.

Ray Bellows responded that all the conditions of the motion should be complete before the final vote. Therefore the item was tabled until all conditions were met.

Elaine Reed requested Patricia Sherry's and Barry O'Brien's e-mails in order to send them a copy of the updated letter to Marco City Council.

C. Update for the Historic Designation for the Goodlette/Pine Ridge Road Cemetary (PlotW)

Chairman Eugene Erjavec stated the subject parcel is located at Pine Ridge and Goodlette Rd. near the sidewalk.

Amanda Townsend explained the parcels involved are privately owned outparcels of the original Rosemary cemetery. They do not come under the County's ownership

or control. She stated the owners are deceased. The challenge is to find the proper means to transfer the properties, since the chain of title is unknown. She plans to contact the Clerk of Courts to see if there would be some way to determine the chain of title.

Ray Bellows explained the person who brought the matter to the attention of the County wanted some type of recognition of the grave's existence and protection of the site.

Chairman Eugene Erjavec stated that until authority of ownership can be determined the status quo will remain.

D. Horse Creek Historic Marker Update

Chairman Eugene Erjavec stated he will have more information on this topic at the next HAPB Meeting.

7. New Business

A. Certificate of Appropriateness for Roberts Ranch Family Home
(This item was moved to #3 Addenda to the Agenda)

B. Certificate of Appropriateness for Mar-good Park in Goodland

Amanda Townsend reported that Parks and Recreation was responsible for the Mar-good Park and they had received a small matching grant to do a Master Plan and Conceptual plan to restore several small fishing cottages. MLD Architects from Tallahassee have completed their work. She'll bring more information to the HAPB as the project progresses.

C. Brief Discussion of presentation by April Olson on Eastern Collier County development

The HAPB will invite Ms Olson to give a presentation at the December HAPB meeting.

8. Review of Project Activity Log (Revised 10-8-2020)

1. Rivergrass Village SRA – Ray Bellows explained rules on specific project development required--some legal issues need addressing before they can progress.
(Patricia Sherry left at 10:12 am)
2. City of Marco Island Interlocal Agreement – Still on hold.
3. Indian Hill – Still for sale. Not posted. Buildable with conditions.
4. Historic Guide Update – completed –will be removed from Activity Log
5. Roberts Ranch- Approved by HAPB- will be removed from Activity Log
6. Horse Creek Estates Historic Marker- Will coordinate with Amanda Townsend

9. Public Comments: NONE

10. HAPB Comments:

Chairman Eugene Erjavec reported an example of the situation in Marco. A mound on Horr's Island, lost for a hundred years was found. Only half of it remains; but, the owner was happy to preserve it on his property.

11. Adjournment: The next HAPB meeting will be held on December 18, 2020 at 9:15 AM.

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There being no further business for the good of the County, George Thompson moved to adjourn. Seconded by Eugene Erjavec. Motion passed, 6-0. The meeting was adjourned by the order of the Chair at 10:45 A.M.

Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board



Chairman, Eugene Erjavec

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