HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
JULY 26, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Peterman, Chairman
Martha Bireda, Robert Burns, Bradford Gamblin,
Sushila Cherian, Karen Lyons, James Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Price

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner
David Roth, Kristine Bienema, Cathy Getz

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Roll Call

B. Next Scheduled Meeting

1. August 23, 2018

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Mr. David Roth stated the Chapman Insurance Group signage met City Code, explaining he worked with the City on the design.
- Ms. Kristine Bienema stated the proposed Charlotte County Flowers signage would reflect its updated branding, noting the current signage was in disrepair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. June 28, 2018

- Ms. Bireda MOVED, Mr. Gamblin SECONDED approval of the June 28, 2018 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

A. CA-11-18 – 140 Tamiami Trail – Signage

- Mr. Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner, displayed images of the proposed signage, as delineated in the agenda material, announcing CA-11-18 would allow changes to an existing projecting sign and a non-conforming lighted box façade sign in the City Center (CC) zoning district. He explained the 1936 Commercial Vernacular building was listed as a contributing structure in the Downtown Commercial Historic District (DCHD), concluding staff recommended approval as the signs met City Code requirements and would not adversely impact the architectural character of the structure or DCHD.
- Ms. Cherian questioned the relevance of "The Caterer" on the sign.
- Ms. Bienema responded same represented a partnership with Charlotte County Flowers.
- Mr. Burns MOVED, Ms. Sushila SECONDED to approve CA-11-18. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. CA-13-18 – 301 West Marion – Signage

- Mr. Austin displayed images of the proposed signage, as delineated in the agenda material, announcing CA-13-18 would allow changes to existing façade signs in the CC zoning district. He explained the 1926 Modern Commercial Vernacular building was listed as a non-contributing structure in the National Register Historic District (NRHD), concluding staff recommend approval as the signs met City Code requirements and would not adversely impact the architectural character of the structure or NRHD.
- Mr. Gamblin MOVED, Ms. Cherian SECONDED to approve CA-13-18.
- Ms. Lyons confirmed the signs were lit at night.
- Ms. Cherian inquired as to the location of the façade signs.
- Mr. Disher replied the signs faced Cross Street and West Marion Avenue.
- MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Peterman announced the Board would take action regarding the Local Register (Register) at their August 28, 2018 meeting, urging members who had questions regarding its development to address same before the next meeting. She emphasized City Council had been awaiting this project for two years, reminding members approval of same was significant for the historic sign toppers project.
- Mr. Austin advised he was available to answer members' questions at their convenience.
- Recording Secretary Welch added previous meetings' minutes and agendas regarding the Register were available for review as well.
- Ms. Cherian questioned if Mr. Austin would prefer to meet with members as a group.
- Mr. Austin replied same would violate the Sunshine Law.
- Ms. Peterman suggested the Board could recommend City Council require homeowners to be notified of changes to their properties' historic status to City Council.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Austin announced costs related to the historic sign toppers had not yet been determined. He recalled City Council had specific recommendations regarding their placement and would further review associated costs and placement.
- Ms. Peterman recalled City Council was in favor of the project.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Mr. Burns inquired as to the status of the Trabue lawsuit.
- Mr. Austin replied the principal parties had agreed to the draft settlement for some time; however, the difficulty of identifying all Trabue heirs had delayed the settlement.

- Ms. Bireda expressed hope the historic sign toppers and interpretive markers would be ready for the Charlotte County Centennial in 2021, further asking how the Board could assist.
- Mr. Austin responded Charlotte County staff had been undergoing a certain amount of turmoil of late with regard to their facilities; however, he agreed the Board should be a driving force behind the event.
- Ms. Peterman spoke in favor of the Board's involvement with the Charlotte County Centennial, suggesting same become an agenda item moving forward.
- Ms. Lyons requested she be included as a recipient of future Board agenda emails, further requesting an updated list of members' contact information.
- Ms. Peterman suggested the Board defer engaging community groups until the conclusion of current projects, which then could be showcased. She noted the current historic sign toppers could be sold as a cost defrayment measure.
- Mr. Williams questioned the status of the house at 361 West Marion Avenue.
- Mr. Austin responded the Marciniaks were in the process of gathering estimates from contractors to relocate the structure, noting the contractor believed the Marciniaks were committed to the relocation. He stated the Development Review Committee process had begun for the property's future structure, suggesting new construction at the site would not commence for some time.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Cathy Getz spoke in favor of providing adequate time for homeowners to respond to Register notifications.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 9:26 a.m.

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Donna Peterman, Chairman

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Sara Welch, Recording Secretary