

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
MAY 23, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Peterman, Chairman
Adrienne Andreae, Martha Bireda, Sushila Cherian,
Brad Gamblin, Julie Price, Michael Wooster

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner
Annette Snap, Linda Roberts

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
 - 1. June 27, 2019
 - Ms. Peterman expressed desire for the minutes to be available at the June 27, 2019 meeting.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CA-12-19 – 3691 Tamiami Trail – Certificate of Appropriateness – Information Only – New Roof
 - Mr. Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner, reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-12-19, as delineated in the agenda material, concluding the request was approved administratively.
- B. CA-13-19 – 212 West Virginia Avenue. – Certificate of Appropriateness – Information Only – New Roof
 - Mr. Austin reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-13-19, as denoted in the agenda material, concluding the request was approved administratively.
- C. First Home Site Historical Marker
 - Mr. Austin explained the historical marker recognizing the site of the first home in the City was lost during construction of Gilchrist Park, stating staff recommended funds be allocated to purchase a replacement.
 - Ms. Peterman verified signage would cost less than \$2,000.
 - Mr. Gamblin MOVED, Ms. Cherian SECONDED to recommend to City Council the allocation of funds to replace the First Home Site historical marker. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. County Centennial – Subcommittee Reports

- Ms. Peterman reported Charlotte County planned to work with its partners and create a calendar of events, confirming the City was not invited to participate as a partner. She stated the Historic Preservation Advisory Board's (HPAB) completed plans would be presented to the County. She then stated she would obtain the County's next quarterly update meeting date in order for HPAB to send a representative.
- Mr. Gamblin reported he met with Ms. Nancy Johnson regarding fundraising, adding it was necessary to define what would compel Punta Gorda business owners and residents to donate to the celebration.
- Ms. Peterman clarified funds were needed for the markers and booklet which celebrated the City's history and enhanced the quality of the historic downtown area.
- Ms. Andrea opined the construction of the Sun Seeker Resort could create the connection needed between City and County business owners.
- Ms. Bireda provided a detailed presentation on the interpretive historical markers and souvenir booklet, as delineated in the agenda material, drawing attention to proposed design of same, estimated costs and potential sponsors and partners.
- Ms. Peterman suggested the presentation be used as HPAB's project proposal to City Council.
- Discussion ensued regarding the incorporation of potential sponsors and partners.

Note: Ms. Cherian left the meeting at 9:43.

- Ms. Bireda introduced the team of historical consultants which would provide research for the markers and booklet, noting a search of DeSoto County's records as they related to the City's history had already begun.
- Ms. Annette Snap noted the City had played an important role the County's history.
- Ms. Linda Roberts expressed optimism regarding the project, commenting positively on its educational value.
- Ms. Peterman stated she would request more information regarding the County's Centennial plans from Mr. Brian Gleason. She requested Ms. Price report on the County Commission's action regarding the Centennial at the HPAB's next meeting.

B. Historic District Sign Toppers

- Mr. Austin reported the Historic District sign toppers were being installed at this time, noting approximately one third of the sign toppers were being refabricated due to damage during shipping.

STAFF COMMENTS

- A. Election of Vice Chair
- Ms. Peterman opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.
 - Ms. Bireda NOMINATED Mr. Gamblin.
 - As there were no other nominations, Mr. Gamblin was appointed Vice Chair by acclamation.
- B. Appointment of Donation Review Committee member
- Ms. Peterman announced a vacancy on the Donation Review Committee.
 - Ms. Price NOMINATED Mr. Wooster.
 - Mr. Wooster was appointed to the Donation Review Committee by acclamation.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Price announced she had received the hold harmless agreement for relocation of the Ice House foundation rock. She then reported the Gilchrist Park restroom mural would be unveiled on May 30, 2019.
- Ms. Peterman commented the donors to the mural project might donate to the Centennial Celebrations projects and suggested Ms. Bireda attend the event.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 10:06 a.m.

Donna Peterman, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary