

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
JULY 25, 2019**

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

OTHERS PRESENT: David Hilston, Chief Planner
Mitchel Austin, Urban Design Planner
Michael Jankowski, Kelly Gaylord,
Cathy Getz

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. August 22, 2019
- Ms. Peterman stated she would not be able to attend.

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Mr. Michael Jankowski, agent for Ms. Patricia Scott of 611 West Olympia Avenue, requested approval of CA-19-19 to allow demolition of the existing structure on the property as same could not be remodeled to accommodate Ms. Scott's needs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. April 25, 2019
- B. May 23, 2019
- Ms. Bireda MOVED, Mr. Gamblin SECONDED approval of the April 25, 2019, and May 23, 2019 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CA-19-19 - 611 West Olympia Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness - Demolition
- Mr. David Hilston, Chief Planner, drew attention to the CA-19-19 application and building inspection report from the agenda material. He noted the frame vernacular style structure, constructed circa 1926, was listed on the Florida Master Site File but was not a contributing structure within the National Register Historic District. He stated the request was for demolition of the existing structure, explaining staff recommend denial based on the applicant's information regarding the structure's condition. He concluded denial of the request would delay demolition for a maximum of 45 days.
- Ms. Price questioned if the applicant had considered any alternatives
- Mr. Jankowski replied the structure was not sufficient for Ms. Scott's needs.
- Ms. Peterman spoke in favor of delaying the demolition to create an opportunity for the

property to be relocated.

- Mr. Jankowski expressed concern the structure would not survive relocation, noting costs would be prohibitive.
 - Mr. Gamblin confirmed the property was purchased with the intent to construct a new home, commenting such practice could lead to the end of the historic district.
 - Ms. Peterman questioned if staff's recommendation of denial was due to the structure's inclusion on the Florida Master Site File.
 - Mr. Hilston replied in the affirmative, adding virtually any structure could be repaired.
 - Ms. Bireda inquired if later additions to the structure impacted its significance.
 - Mr. Mitchell Austin, Urban Design Planner, replied the building inspection report did not distinguish between the original structure and later additions, noting most historic structures in Punta Gorda had later additions. He stated the structure could potentially be restored, reiterating staff recommended denial of the demolition of any historic structure to provide an opportunity for same to be relocated or purchased. He explained it was incumbent upon members to raise awareness of the impending demolition.
 - Ms. Price expressed uncertainty an individual would come forward to relocate this structure; however, she was in favor of delaying the demolition for 45 days.
 - Mr. Jankowski opined a 45-day delay was fair, suggesting an interested party could have the existing structure.
 - Mr. Wooster MOVED, Ms. Price SECONDED to accept staff's recommendation for CA-19-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B. CA-20-19 - 321 West Retta Esplanade - Certificate of Appropriateness – Signage
- Mr. Hilston reviewed the CA-20-19 application, as delineated in the agenda material, concluding staff recommended approval of this request.
 - Ms. Price MOVED, Ms. Cherian SECONDED to approve CA-20-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- C. CA-21-19 - 113 West Marion Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness – Signage
- Mr. Hilston reviewed the CA-21-19 application from the agenda material, concluding staff recommended approval of this request.
 - Ms. Price MOVED, Mr. Wooster SECONDED to approve CA-21-19. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- D. Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society
- Ms. Kelly Gaylord, Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society, presented the mural proposed for the new Punta Gorda Library, included in the agenda material, noting the proposed design was approved by Charlotte County. She concluded the Mural Society would move forward once the project was funded.

- Members spoke in favor of the proposed design.
- E. CA-15-19 - 123 Gill Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Information Only – Gazebo
 - Mr. Hilston reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-15-19 from the agenda material, concluding the request was approved administratively.
- F. CA-16-19 - 212 West Virginia Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness - Information Only - Façade Remodel
 - Mr. Hilston reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-16-19, concluding the request was approved administratively following certain revisions to the request.
- G. CA-17-19 - 118 Sullivan Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Information Only – Roof
 - Mr. Hilston reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-17-19, concluding the request was approved administratively.
- H. CA-18-19 - 403 Gill Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Information Only – Roof
 - Mr. Hilston reviewed the information considered during staff’s evaluation of CA-18-19, concluding the request was approved administratively.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. County Centennial - Subcommittee Reports
 - Ms. Peterman announced members should have received the latest emails regarding the County Centennial (Centennial) celebration. She then requested an update from each subcommittee.
 - Ms. Bireda reported she would work with Ms. Gussie Baker to research waterfront photos as sources of inspiration for the interpretive historic markers. She noted further planning with her subcommittee was on hold until City Council approved the Board’s Centennial celebration plans in September 2019.
 - Ms. Peterman stated Mayor Nancy Prafke indicated the Board’s plans needed clarification of funding requirements prior to seeking City Council’s approval. She then noted Mr. Brian Gleason had not yet responded to her request for a Board representative to attend each of the County’s quarterly meetings, adding she would follow up with him.
 - Ms. Price provided a brief review of the County’s June 18, 2019 meeting, expressing optimism the City’s plans would complement those of the County. She stated she would attend future County meetings and provide updates to the Board. She then explained her subcommittee would develop a set of events after the County events were established.
 - Mr. Gamblin reported he and Ms. Nancy Johnson discussed fundraising, stating he required information on anticipated costs, particularly those related to events. He noted

he had certain entities in mind to manage funds for the City's Centennial plans.

- Ms. Peterman concluded she would speak with Mayor Prafke about the information needed in order to seek City Council's approval.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Bireda expressed concern Punta Gorda's history as a modest community was being erased, speaking in favor of preserving smaller historic structures.
- Ms. Price opined the City was balancing progress and preservation.
- Mr. Gamblin commented part of Punta Gorda's charm was its mixture of larger and smaller homes.
- Ms. Price confirmed bricks would be installed on Goldstein Street and the City would request volunteers to help lay bricks. She noted she could donate a significant number of bricks.
- Mr. Austin replied the Public Works Department could work with her to retrieve the bricks.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Ms. Cathy Getz expressed doubt dilapidated structures impacted the value of underlying land, then speaking in favor of preserving historic structures.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 10:06 a.m.

Donna Peterman, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary