

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Martha Bireda

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Chief Planner
David Hilston, Chief Planner
Lauren Robie, Chris Alonso

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. October 24, 2019

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 22, 2019
- Mr. Gamblin MOVED, Mr. Wooster SECONDED approval of the August 22, 2019 minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CA-24-19 - 261 West Marion Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness - Info Only -
Garage Door
- Mr. David Hilston, Chief Planner, reviewed the information considered during staff's
evaluation of CA-24-19, as delineated in the agenda material, concluding the request
was approved administratively.
- B. CA-23-19 - 324 Cooper Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Demo
- Mr. Hilston drew attention to the CA-23-19 application and building inspection report
from the agenda material. He noted the frame vernacular style structure, constructed
circa 1950, was listed on the Florida Master Site File (FMSF). He stated the applicant
intended to demolish and then recreate the existing structure utilizing modern building
materials and methods while preserving the historical context of what had existed. He
reported staff recommended denial of the request as the structure was not unsafe,
explaining denial of the request would delay the demolition for 45 days.

- Ms. Peterman recalled during a public hearing related to the property's annexation the applicant had stated this structure would be preserved, questioning why demolition was now sought.
- Ms. Lauren Robie, applicant's representative, replied the existing structure was damaged more extensively than thought, noting an architect had determined less than 5% of the original structure remained. She explained budgetary constraints would make raising the structure to meet Florida Building Code difficult, speaking in favor of designating the neighborhood as historic instead of just the individual structures.
- Mr. Chris Alonso, applicant's representative, pointed out the available street frontage impacted the overall design of the project.
- Ms. Price confirmed the applicant intended to develop twelve live-work units on two parcels.
- Mr. Alonso opined the only historic significant material in the structure was the board and batten, explaining same would be reused. He added the trusses might be reused as well.
- Ms. Peterman reiterated preservation was part of the previous presentations, speaking in favor of delaying the demolition for 45 days. She suggested the Building Official should inspect the building during the 45-day period.
- Consensus was to request the Building Official inspect the structure.
- Ms. Gamblin MOVED, Ms. Cherian SECONDED to deny CA-23-19 and delay demolition for 45 days. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. County Centennial - Subcommittee Reports

- Ms. Peterman announced Ms. Bireda and Ms. Nancy Johnson would meet in early October 2019 to discuss a presentation regarding the Board's Charlotte County Centennial (Centennial) celebration plans, explaining the presentation was intended for City Council. She expressed optimism the presentation might be made in November 2019.
- Mr. Gamblin reported he and Ms. Johnson had discussed financial needs and potential funding sources for the Board's Centennial celebration. He stated Ms. Bireda and Ms. Johnson would clarify costs at their meeting. He noted the rotary club might offer help.
- Ms. Price announced she would attend the County's Centennial Partners Kickoff meeting at the Punta Gorda Library on October 3, 2019, adding she would provide an update on same.
- Ms. Peterman stated the Historical Society was in favor of partnering with the Board for the Centennial celebration.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Hilston reported the Building Official declared the structure at 619 East Virginia Avenue should be demolished due to its condition; therefore, the demolition permit was approved. He requested the Board approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for this demolition. He then noted the November 2019 meeting fell on Thanksgiving, questioning when the November 2019 meeting should be scheduled.
- Consensus of members was to schedule the meeting for November 21, 2019.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Price inquired as to the status of the Ice House foundation rock's relocation.
- Mr. Mitchell Austin, Chief Planner, stated the City had been granted permission to enter the property, expressing uncertainty as to when Public Works staff would relocate the rock to Linear Park.
- Ms. Price announced children's books were being collected for the Little Free Library in Gilchrist Park.
- Ms. Peterman noted the Citywide Master Plan (Plan) recommended creation of a Local Historic Register, recalling the Board had already worked on same. She inquired as to the next steps for creation of the Register.
- Mr. Austin suggested creation of the Register be delayed until City Council determined how to proceed with the Plan, noting adoption of the Local Historic Register could move forward quickly if the Plan was adopted.
- Ms. Peterman spoke in favor of doing so.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 a.m.

Donna Peterman, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary