

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2020**

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Wooster

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Chief Planner
Steven Valdez

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. February 27, 2020

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. November 21, 2019
- B. December 26, 2019
- Mr. Gamblin MOVED, Ms. Colbert SECONDED approval of the December 26, 2019 minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- Ms. Peterman verified the November 21, 2019 minutes were approved at the December 26, 2019 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CA-33-19 - 312 Sullivan Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Information Only - ADA Ramp
- Mr. Austin reviewed the information considered during staff's evaluation of CA-33-19, concluding staff approved the request administratively.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- B. County Centennial - Subcommittee Reports
- Ms. Price announced she would be attending the Charlotte County Centennial Celebration (Centennial) meeting on January 30, 2020 at the Mid County Regional Library. She noted an online search had found a separate committee which appeared to be making plans for the Centennial as well, anticipating she would receive more information regarding same.

- Ms. Bireda provided a summary on the progress of her subcommittee, anticipating the research would be completed on time. She noted she met with the Punta Gorda History Center (History Center) and requested Ms. Theresa Murtha join the subcommittee; however, Ms. Murtha declined. She expressed hope the History Center would share information on the location and content of their planned historic markers.
- Ms. Peterman stated she met with Ms. Murtha as well and confirmed the History Center required two signs located within the waterfront to celebrate the accomplishments of the Trabue Family, noting she would be meeting with Ms. Murtha, Nancy Johnson and Cathy Burnham on January 27, 2020 to further discuss the sign content. She then noted she had received positive feedback from residents regarding the City's involvement with the Historic Preservation Advisory Board's (HPAB) plans.
- Ms. Price confirmed HPAB intended to move forward with holding a reception to kickoff fundraising.
- Mr. Gamblin spoke on fundraising, suggesting efforts focus on community leaders. He recommended a brochure be created to outline the HPAB's objectives.
- Ms. Peterman suggested the HPAB's Centennial presentation be a resource when developing fundraising materials.
- Discussion ensued regarding content of the proposed brochures, fundraising events and possible donation sources.
- Ms. Peterman questioned whether Mr. Gamblin had secured a nonprofit organization to hold contributed funds.
- Mr. Gamblin replied in the negative, stating he would provide an update regarding same at the February 27, 2020 meeting.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Austin announced the signed hold harmless agreement had been received for relocation of the Ice House foundation rock, anticipating the Public Works Department would relocate the rock by January 31, 2020.
- Discussion ensued regarding the relocation of the rock as well as a possible public announcement regarding same.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Colbert provided a brief overview of the responsibilities of the Charlotte County Historical Advisory Committee. She then announced the Punta Gorda Historical Society had received a \$349,000 grant from the Federal government for renovation of the historic train depot.
- Ms. Price suggested members from local historical organizations be invited to HPAB meetings for collaboration.

- Ms. Bireda pointed out the historic Freeman House was no longer on the National Register of Historic Places (Register), questioning whether same should be added to the Register again.
- Mr. Austin explained the Freeman House had been removed from the Register due to its relocation, offering to provide more information on the application process at the February 27, 2020 meeting. He then reported 455 West Retta Esplanade was going to auction, confirming HPAB would have to review any request to demolish the structure.
- Discussion ensued regarding the demolition process.
- Ms. Bireda verified Ms. Andreae would work on adding the Charlotte County Historic Courthouse to the Register since same had national significance.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Mr. Steven Valdez requested clarification of the Centennial Celebration's focus.
- Ms. Peterman replied the celebration was for Charlotte County's centennial, noting the main focus for the historic marker project related to the City's working waterfront.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 9:55 a.m.

Donna Peterman, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary