

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brad Gamblin, Chairman
Adrienne Andreae, Martha Bireda (via phone),
Sushila Cherian, Valerie Colbert,
Donna Peterman, Michael Wooster

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Price

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Chief Planner

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Gamblin called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.
- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. October 22, 2020

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. August 27, 2020
- Ms. Peterman MOVED, Ms. Colbert SECONDED approval of the August 27, 2020, minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. CA-21-2020 - 117 West Marion Avenue - Certificate of Appropriateness - Action Required - Signage
- Mr. Mitchell Austin, Chief Planner, reviewed the CA-21-2020 application, as delineated in the agenda material, concluding staff recommended approval of the request.
- Mr. Wooster MOVED, Ms. Peterman SECONDED to approve CA-21-2020. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.
- B. CA-22-2020 - 314 Gill Street - Certificate of Appropriateness - Info Only - Roof
- Mr. Austin reviewed the information considered during staff's evaluation of CA-22-2020, concluding staff approved the request administratively.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. County Centennial
- 1. Subcommittee Reports
- Mr. Gamblin reported the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society (Mural Society) was not necessarily opposed to creating a mural which related to the history of the City and Charlotte County (County); however, further information was requested, such as where

same would be located. He noted the Punta Gorda Airport had previously been mentioned as a possible location; however, the Mural Society preferred their creations remained within City limits.

- Ms. Peterman suggested a mural could be located near the historic County Courthouse.
 - Ms. Cherian questioned the timeframe for creation of a mural.
 - Mr. Gamblin expressed uncertainty at this time.
2. Historical markers – Fishermen’s Village Harborwalk, Trabue Estate settlement, & PG Boat Club
- Mr. Austin displayed a photograph received from Ms. Patti Allen, Fishermen’s Village, of the historical marker installed along the Harborwalk on their property, noting same detailed the history of the railroad dock at King Street.
 - Ms. Peterman opined the Board should have been presented with the concept of the marker prior to its installation, requesting same be communicated prior to creation of any additional markers.
 - Mr. Austin stated there was currently no formal approval or permitting process for markers, verifying the establishment of same would require amendment of the Punta Gorda Code.
 - Ms. Peterman opined markers should be presented to the Board similar to the Mural Society’s presentation of proposed mural designs, expressing concern markers could be historically inaccurate.
 - Ms. Andreae stated there needed to be a benefit to those installing the markers.
 - Ms. Colbert proposed one benefit could be the ability to imprint the City’s logo on the marker, adding the locations for same could be advertised as well.
 - Mr. Gamblin inquired as to how the Board should move forward.
 - Mr. Austin responded staff could research the Board’s bylaws and review the draft of the sign ordinance, which needed to be consistent with the First Amendment, as well as what other communities had done. He then suggested cost sharing might need to be offered as an incentive.
 - Discussion ensued regarding additional details of the location, content and design of the marker installed at Fishermen’s Village, with members confirming certain aspects were beyond what a municipality could regulate.
 - Mr. Austin questioned whether the County had restrictions regarding the installation of markers.
 - Ms. Colbert briefly reviewed the County’s process for approving markers and vetting their content, expressing uncertainty whether the County had restrictions for installing markers.

- Mr. Austin explained staff could not regulate markers on private property as long as they did not contain a commercial message and were not visible from the public right-of-way.
- Ms. Andreae suggested contacting the Mural Society to discuss the benefit they found in presenting to the Board.
- Ms. Peterman opined others would not do so unless required in the Board's bylaws.
- Discussion continued regarding potential benefits of endorsement of markers by the Board, including assistance with design specifications, historic accuracy and promotions, with members speaking in favor of inviting the Punta Gorda History Center to discuss coordination on requests for markers and Fishermen's Village to present information on their markers to the Board.

STAFF COMMENTS

- Mr. Austin announced the first draft of the Historic Element denoted in City's Comprehensive Plan should be published on the City's website by October 5, 2020, noting some of the recommendations included revising the historic districts and establishing a local register based on the Board's previous efforts.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- Ms. Peterman inquired as to the timeframe for staff's recommendation on regulating overnight parking in the Historic District.
- Mr. Austin replied staff was working with the Information Technology Division to identify software solutions which would limit staff time and costs before presenting a proposed ordinance to City Council, anticipating same would be discussed between November 2020 and January 2021.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 10:03 a.m.

Brad Gamblin, Chairman

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary