

**CITY OF PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 27, 2022, 9:00 A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Peterman, Chair
Colbert, Gamblin, Magnin, Perry, Ponte

MEMBERS ABSENT: Andreae

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Principal Planner; Kelly Gaylord

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Peterman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.a December 29, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

Exhibits:

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12-29-2021 Minutes

Ms. Ponte **MOVED** to approve the December 29, 2021, minutes, **SECONDED** by Mr. Perry.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

2) CERTIFICATES OF APPROPRIATENESS

No items.

3) GENERAL BUSINESS

3.a Punta Gorda Boat Club - Exterior improvements update regarding building Mural.

Exhibits:

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Application and Rendering

City Council 08-25-2021 Excerpt

Mr. Mitchell Austin, Principal Planner, announced the City received a request from the Punta Gorda Historic Mural Society (PGHMS) for creation of murals at the Punta Gorda Boat Club (Club), noting City Council approved the three locations for same.

Ms. Kelly Gaylord, PGHMS, provided a detailed overview of the three proposed murals, explaining same would capture the history of the Club and would be presented across three panels as follows: panel one – focus on the 1960's and 1970's; panel two – focus on the 1980's and 1990's; panel three – focus on the

2000's to present. She stated the proposed murals would be presented at the February 2, 2022, City Council meeting, concluding work on the murals would begin once funds were raised.

Ms. Peterman spoke positively of the Club's volunteers.

Mr. Gamblin **MOVED** to approve the mural for the Club, **SECONDED** by Mr. Perry.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Ms. Gaylord commented members were provided flyers for the upcoming dedication ceremony of the "Captivating Charlotte County" mural.

STAFF COMMENTS

[Update on Community stake holder discussion](#)

Mr. Austin announced staff contacted various organizations interested in historic preservation based on previous Board discussions, noting the organizations invited to attend the February 24, 2022, meeting, included the Punta Gorda Historic Society, PGHMS and TEAM Punta Gorda.

Ms. Peterman recalled members and organizations would discuss fundraising to preserve the AC Freeman House, opining same was an important to the City's history. She then questioned whether Ms. Gaylord had a recommendation for additional organizations to involve.

Ms. Gaylord responded the Charlotte County (County) Community Foundation.

Ms. Magnin inquired whether the County Historic Advisory Committee could be involved. Discussion ensued regarding potential organizations to involve as well as grant options which might assist with fundraising, including the Patterson Foundation and the Community Foundation of Sarasota County (CFSC).

Ms. Gaylord indicated the CFSC required organizations to be a part of the Giving Partner program, explaining organizations such as the PGHMS and TEAM Punta Gorda had to submit their own information.

Ms. Peterman stated the goal was to establish how members could move forward with submitting requests since there were issues which might arise due to the Sunshine Law, noting a representative from the Board would be needed to participate with same.

Mr. Gamblin offered to provide his assistance as a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP), explaining the AFP had successfully completed several giving programs for the Rotary Club of Punta Gorda. He indicated the deadline for an organization to register for the Giving Challenge was February, concluding an organization could apply for grants once qualified.

Ms. Peterman expressed uncertainty whether the City would qualify.

Mr. Gamblin stated a historic group promoting the preservation of the AC Freeman House might.

Ms. Peterman commented there was currently no such group and same was the reason for meeting with the organizations to develop one, adding the February deadline to register for the Giving Challenge would likely not be met.

Mr. Gamblin noted one of the organizations might already be approved for same, concluding he would verify how to pursue the Giving Challenge.

Mr. Austin indicated the City was still in the design process for the AC Freeman House project, noting construction of the project was not anticipated until the following year. He explained operation of the facility once completed was the challenge for staff, opining a plan for same would be developed by fiscal year 2023/2024, verifying there was still enough time for the project.

Ms. Peterman indicated meeting with the organizations would allow the opportunity to identify how they could work together, inquiring as to the timeframe for the State grant. Mr. Austin replied the City would find out if the City's application was selected by summer 2022, confirming the estimated funds could change due to the current environment's impact on pricing.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Ponte thanked Mr. Austin for his assistance in coordinating a meeting between her and a representative from the Royal Order of Ponce de Leon Conquistadors to discuss updating signage at Ponce de Leon Park.

Ms. Peterman recalled Mr. Gamblin and Ms. Ponte offered to seek assistance from staff with grant writing, questioning whether there was an update regarding same.

Mr. Austin responded the City did not have an expert grant writer on staff, noting the volunteers which actively looked for grants the City could apply for were no longer available.

Ms. Peterman concluded the City would appreciate assistance applying for grants.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary