

**DONATION REVIEW COMMITTEE
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Donna Peterman, Chairman
Valerie Colbert, Bradford Gamblin,
CJ Metcalfe, Janet Watermeier

OTHERS PRESENT: Mitchell Austin, Principal Planner
Fabiana Solano, Planner

CALL TO ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ms. Peterman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- A. Roll Call
- B. Next Scheduled Meeting
- 1. January 27, 2022

CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. October 22, 2020
- Ms. Watermeier MOVED, Ms. Colbert SECONDED approval of the October 22, 2020, minutes. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. Deed of Gift – Charlotte County Historical Society – Fertilizer Plant Historical Informative Marker
- Ms. Fabiana Solano, Planner, announced the Charlotte County Historical Society (CCHS) desired to donate a plaque that presented the history of the Fertilizer Plant (Plant) previously built in the harbor off Gilchrist Park. She stated the location was now occupied by the Punta Gorda Boat Club (PGBC) and parts of the Plant’s foundation were still there, adding the PGBC supported the placement of the plaque. She indicated the CCHS’s goal was for the plaque to be consistent with the design and location of the plaques already located in Gilchrist Park along the Harborwalk. She then reviewed the CCHS’s background and the history of the Plant, as delineated in the agenda material, explaining the proposed plaque would include photographs and text relating to the structure of the Plant and what happened after same was abandoned. She stated the plaque would be on City-maintained property, noting staff suggested relocating one of the foundation blocks next to the plaque to prevent individuals from leaving the path to view same. She verified the CCHS would fund the marker as well as the installation and would use the same

supplier as the Fishermen's Village markers, concluding the CCHS were looking for approval from the Committee.

- Ms. Peterman clarified the approval would be to recommend City Council accept the donation.
- Ms. Watermeier questioned whether the photograph of the proposed plaque was an example as same differed from the rest of the plaques along the Harborwalk.
- A brief discussion ensued regarding the design of the proposed plaque, with Mr. Mitchell Austin, Principal Planner, verifying same would be of the same style as those already in Gilchrist Park.
- Ms. Metcalfe inquired as to the life expectancy of the plaque as same contained colored graphics which would be exposed to the elements.
- Mr. Austin responded the plaque's materials were commercial sign grade, anticipating the plaque would need replacement within 9 to 11 years after installment.
- Ms. Peterman added the CCHS intended to maintain the plaque.
- Mr. Austin indicated the capital maintenance for the plaque was a generous portion of the donation, noting staff expected partial to full replacement needed every 10 to 20 years.
- Ms. Watermeier MOVED to recommend acceptance of the donation to City Council contingent the plaque remained the same style as the existing ones.
- Ms. Solano noted same could be included in the clause for acceptance of the donation.
- Ms. Colbert SECONDED.
- MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

STAFF COMMENTS

- None.

COMMITTEE/BOARD COMMENTS

- None.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting Adjourned: 10:11 a.m.

Donna Peterman, Chair

Leah Pues, Recording Secretary