



SUMMARY MINUTES

Historic Preservation Board
Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 430
115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301
January 18, 2018 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

William Gallo, Chair	Sheldon McCartney, Vice Chair	Derek Davis
Jeff Schwartz	Daniel Stallone	Cynthia Strachan-Saunders

County Staff

Maribel Feliciano, Assistant Director	Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer
Matt DeFelice, Archaeological Consultant	Chris Flynn, Administration
Earl Bosworth, Director, Cultural Division	Grace Kewl, Cultural Division

Attendees

No public attendees

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The public hearing was called to order by the Chair William Gallo, at 6:08 PM. Roll call was taken by Chris Flynn and a quorum was present. Member Jeff Schwartz participated via telephone.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Member Cynthia Strachan-Saunders moved to approve meeting minutes for October 19, 2017, as is. Member Derek Davis seconded. All in favor.

IV. Public Comments

No public present.

V. Old Business

A. Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments Update

Historic Preservation Officer Rick Ferrer noted timeline of events leading to this update. June 2017 an ordinance amendment workshop was held, inviting municipalities to participate in CLG discussions. As a result, 4 municipalities provided comments to the County and the HPB with ideas and concerns. Staff drafted a response document that was sent to all workshop attendees on January 16, 2018.

Chair William Gallo commented that there was not a great amount of municipal attendance during the workshop, considering the number of cities within the County. Staff noted that all municipalities were provided notice of the workshop. From the municipal comments received there seemed some confusion as to the intent of the County and the HPB. Additional outreach to the cities will be scheduled.

B. Historical Markers

Grace Kewl, from the Cultural Division, provided information about Destination Sistrunk and the Heritage Marker Project. Originating from Commissioner Holness' office, this was expanded to Greater Fort Lauderdale and now various locations throughout Broward County. Drafts of the design will be available for review at the next HPB meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Pioneer Day 2018

Cultural Division Director Earl Bosworth spoke about the planning efforts currently underway. Event will be May 12, 2018, at 2pm, at the Davie Town Hall. He met with the town hall council in review of events. There will be a similar set-up to last year's event in Parkland. Division staff has already been through the mailing lists for notifications of the County event. Will have a "Save-the-Date" card ready within a week, and planning is ahead of schedule.

HPB recommended changing the start time from 2pm to 12 noon, based upon timeline of events the previous year and lunch schedule, as food will be available at this event.

HPB also recommended trying to get Nova Southeastern University involved in the event, with intent to garner interest in looking at historical sites and buildings on campus.

B. CLG Annual Report to State

The HPO introduced the CLG Annual Report for the State's Division of Historical Resources. The report covers last year's events; meetings, agendas, and minutes; HPB membership, qualifications and status, as well as, HPB / community interactions.

C. Historic Preservation Component of Comprehensive Plan

Board of County Commissioners provided direction to Planning staff to amend and update the Broward Comprehensive Plan, mandated by the state. A new component of the Plan related to historic preservation and conservation is proposed. Amendment to the Land Use Plan was adopted last year in April 2017.

Staff will email new draft language to HPB for review at the next HPB meeting. Intent is to submit to the State in June 2018, then submit to Board of County Commissioners for adoption following their summer recess.

VII. Report of the Historic Preservation Officer

Rick Ferrer provided update to the HPB. Noted that the County's Historic Preservation Fund has a balance of \$219,637.

Southside School is currently completing renovation. Inauguration event will be held at the end of January. Mainly composed of offices, the bottom floor will be dedicated to community use. Broward County had a hand in acquiring the location, then turned it over to the city of Fort Lauderdale for renovation. The project is considered an adaptive re-use preservation project.

On April 5, 6pm, at the New River Inn, the City of Fort Lauderdale will honor local developer Dev Motwani for several preservation projects he has accomplished on the beach.

VIII. Remarks by the Chairperson

Chair William Gallo would like staff to review ideas of publishing a regular Historic Preservation newsletter. The previous entity had a regular newsletter, design should still be available as a starting point.

HPB would like to consider future meeting be held at the Carpenter House in Hollywood.

IX. Announcements by Board Members

Member Cynthia Strachan-Saunders provided information about planned demolition of several buildings at the Historic Carver High School in Delray Beach. Requested review information and support of the HPB to help preserve this location and buildings.

Motion: Member Sanders initially moved to draft/provide a letter of support to the school, on behalf of the HPB. Amended to first have staff check with County legal, seek guidance in properly drafting a letter of support, and obtaining additional information by having Paula Newman Rocker brief the HPB at the next meeting. Vice Chair McCartney seconded. All in favor.

Member Jeff Schwartz provided information about an event that happened in Fort Lauderdale July 19, 1936, that ended in the hanging of Ruben Stacy. He requested review of information with intent to place a plaque at or near the event location.

Motion: Member Schwartz moved to conduct research to place a memorial plaque; amended to providing a briefing to better inform the HPB of event details, then seek County legal guidance on proceeding. Member Derek Davis seconded. All in favor.

HPB member conflicts resulted in recommendation to change the March meeting date.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz moved to change the March 15 meeting date to March 8, same time and location. Member Saunders seconded. All in favor.

X. Adjournment

Motion: Vice Chair McCartney moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Saunders seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

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