

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES

Historic Preservation Board (HPB)
Regular Meeting
Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Derek Davis, Chair

Jeff Schwartz, Vice Chair

Cynthia Strachan-Saunders

Daniel Stallone

Kimberly Weismantle

County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, HPO, Urban Planning Division

Darby DelSalle, Assistant Director, Urban Planning Division

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:01 PM; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Vice Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes of 3-28-2024 meeting offered by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

IV. Public Comments

No additional public comments.

V. New Business

A. Introduction of new Member, Mr. Mena Morgan

Mr. Morgan accepted a job offer that will take him out of Broward County. He will not be able to join the board as expected. Vice Chair Schwartz asked what was Mr. Morgan's area of expertise. HPO answered 'building and construction.'

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application No. 2024-BD119-01 Nyberg Swanson House Historic Site

The Chair requests that the applicant proceed with presentation. The project is presented by Sean Schutten, Project Manager, City of Dania Beach. Dincer Ozaydin, the Deputy Public Works Director of the City and Ms. Joanna Granett, President of the Dania Beach Historical Society are also introduced on behalf of the project. Mr. Schutten provides a historical background for the Nyberg Swanson House site. The house was formerly located in the corner of Federal Hwy and Stirling Road (site of a Walgreen's today). The property is on the National Register and locally designated. Mr. Schutten added that the house was used by various groups including a Ladies Aid

Society (1920s), Dania Community Library (1932-1935), Beauty Salon, and once moved to its present location, as Broward Sheriff's/Fire Rescue offices, Dania's Park & Recreation Department, City Attorney's Office, and the Dania Beach Chamber of Commerce. The house went through prior renovations in 2003-4. The project consultants are historic preservation architects in Key West, Bender & Associates Architects who've handles many restorations. Mr. Schutten's description of the project included: reroof the building with matching new historical metal shingles, repair dormers and soffits, repair and restore 2nd floor porch, repair/restore original windows, new hurricane shutters, repair structural framing and roof members that require it, replace historically inaccurate doors, inspect and repair plumbing, inspect and repair electrical system, replace interior lighting and ceiling fans, inspect sanitary and sewer systems, remove/mitigate all lead-based paint and asbestos items, replace HVAC system with updated modern system, remove and replace insulation, paint and match all walls and ceilings, refinish all stained wood and replace all carpeting, restrooms to current ADA standards, rusticate concrete block exteriors will be cleaned and mortar repointed where needed, tree trimmings and pavement repairs. Mr. Schutten thanked the board and requested consideration for approval.

Ms. Joanna Grannett, president of the Dania Beach Historical Society added that City will be allowing the Society to use the building as a museum. Mr. Ozaydin stated that the City has prioritized this project along with several important utility projects that it has going on.

The Chair and Vice Chair express the board's gratitude for the project. Member Strachan Saunders asks what the completion date for the project. Mr. Ozaydin stated the goal by the end of the year but thinks it may carry on to early in 2025.

The HPO provides a written and oral staff report. He outlines that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards SOIS) applicable to this project (specifically 6) have been reviewed for compliance and the project has been determined to be fully compliant. The project involves both restoration and rehabilitation measures to return the building for occupation. Staff recommendation is to approve.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz makes a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and that the City move forward with the project; seconded by member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

C. Sunset Review Meeting – Intergovernmental Affairs

Mr. Marty Cassini, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Naomie Labaty, Boards Administrator introduce themselves. Mr. Cassini explains that Sunset Review of County boards happen every 4 years per Charter rules. Sunset Reviews meetings are between Intergovernmental Affairs, chairs and board liaisons. Review is meant to help improve boards. A number of improvements were suggested by Chair and liaison. Language to improve appointment process to HPB is being explored. Vice Chair Schartz asked if a board member can make recommendation for a new board member, Mr. Cassini responded affirmatively. He also explained that there are multiple ways of getting new members on board.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz makes a motion for Intergovernmental Affairs to return with updated language for nominations for the HPB's consideration; seconded by member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes.

D. Certificate of Appreciation

The HPB presents a Certificate of Appreciation to former historic preservation intern, Michael Meloni.

VI. Old Business

A. HPB Meeting Schedule Revision – A new schedule is proposed.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz makes a motion to pass the revised meeting schedule as presented; seconded by member Strachan-Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

VII. Comments by the Chair

No comments by the

VIII. Comments by the HPO

No comments by the HPO.

IX. Announcements by Board Members

Chair notes a memorial service for Ernestine Gray, ex curator of the Old Dillard Museum at the African American Research Library. Member Weismantle notes of funding cuts that will affect cultural and historical facilities around the state and also notes the passing of former Pioneer Amy Hewing of Cooper City. The Chair and Vice Chair bring up idea of memorializing past Pioneers in some way. Several ideas are brought forth: displaying past Pioneer names on a wall of a public building; a special publication; exhibit; ongoing digital display or website. The Vice Chair voiced opinion of a permanent-type display.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz recommends adding an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss ideas for how to memorialize Pioneers of the Past; seconded by member Strachan-Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

Member Stallone notes the recently read book “Just Mercy” and recommends it as good read associated with the themes of the Rubin Stacy story and project. Member Strachan-Saunders notes a message received from Cultural Division also noting funding to local cultural institutions and programs. The board notes that cost cutting measures will need to take place.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn offered by Vice Chair Schwartz; seconded by Member Stallone. All in favor, meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 7:24 PM.