

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2017 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Dallas Revord
Trish Welles
Elly McKuen
Alex Grant
Ronda Lawhon
Alan Glazier

Council Liaison and Staff

Mike Fiigon
Arleen Hunter

Public

Brian Tietz
Terry Lawhon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Lawhon stated he was on the committee for the McSwain house from the beginning, so if anyone has any questions regarding the McSwain house, please do not hesitate to contact him.

IV. HISTORIC PRESERVATION ASSISTANT PROGRAM

A. Consider Application for Grant for McSwain House Project (Time allocation: 15 minutes)

Ms. Hunter opened the discussion stating that Ms. Whittemore and Mr. Strader from the Bonita Springs Historical Society were not able to attend the meeting, but Ms. Whittemore sent Arleen an update:

UPDATE FOR THE COMMITTEE

1. Bonita Springs Historical Society met with Sam Vincent and Tri-Town Construction and revisited the existing plan and alterations will be required.
2. Mr. Vincent said he could start on the revisions this past Monday July 24th. Perhaps could be done in a week.

3. Next step is to have them approved by the Building Department and back to Ms. Whittemore for distribution to the Bonita Springs Historical Society Board of Directors for approval.
4. Behind the scenes work is ongoing to make this all happen as soon as possible.
5. A special meeting of the Preservation Board will be necessary to approve/disapprove the new Plans and project timeline.

Mr. Revord recapped the goal of the Bonita Springs Historical Society was to get the house compliant so they could open the doors.

Ms. Lawhon stated that Ms. McKuen had wanted the contractor and City architect to be present and requested additional information and plans for additional phases. Ms. Lawhon wanted the porch width to be the same as originally designed. The bid did not include engineering. Examples of pickets or plans to move forward were not provided. Ms. Lawhon asked for a strategic plan outlining what they would use the money for, financial statements and treasurers reports going back three years in order to prove financial hardship. Ms. Hunter stated a representative from the Bonita Springs Historical Society, the City architect and the builder should be present when discussing this.

Mr. Glazier said as far as the house, the front porch was enclosed, so the house as we see it now, has the original roof line. Mr. Glazier would like to see more of a pitch to the roof. Mr. Glazier agrees with what Ronda is saying.

Ms. McKuen stated she did not see anything for the bids for the canopy to go over the front doors. Ms. Lawhon stated her concerns regarding the doors and explained the doors are from a century old home in Florida and are a wider width with beveled glass. The doors are an important part of Florida history and without shelter, the weather would eat away the paint.

Ms. McKuen and Ms. Welles discussed concerns over spending money on temporary fixes. What is the schedule and how temporary is temporary.

Mr. Revord thinks we need to stop the discussion and wait until the Bonita Springs Historical Society can come before the Board with the architect and the builder.

Ms. McKuen would like to go on record to say she is disappointed. What we got in our packet is what we got last time.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Brian Tietz reported that he has been going around the City with Ms. Lawhon, Mr. Strader from the Historical Society and Mr. Correia from Bonita Video. Mr. Tietz said working with Mr. Correia was exactly what he needed. Mr. Correia knew the people photographed. Mr. Tietz photographed three people with Mr. Correia and Mr. Correia had the contact information for the other people he photographed.

Mr. Tietz printed out some of his favorites, what he needs from the board is what is he missing and if there is anyone else the Board would recommend to be photographed. Ms. Welles stated she would like to see more pictures of the river. Ms. Welles said downriver there is a great place where there is an old railroad bridge and you can also see a lot of the foliage from the Everglades Wonder Gardens. Ms. Welles stated also, as you're coming up the foot bridge, you can get some great shots of some oak trees and bamboo that are leaning out over the river. Mr. Tietz asked how he would get there, Ms. Welles said by boat and offered to take Mr. Tietz out on her boat so he can get the shots. Mr. Tietz will call Ms. Welles and set up a time to see this area by boat.

Mr. Revord said he wants the board's view on what we are looking for. Historic places, historic people or contemporary art.

Mr. Revord would like pictures of the inside of the school. Ms. Hunter said we might need to reach out to the principal and will give the principal a call and see what needs to be done.

Mr. Revord asked about the homes on Pennsylvania on the intersection of Pennsylvania and Tennessee. There are 3 homes that have been redone. Mr. Glazier said Chris Busk of Chris Busk Landscapes in Naples would be a good person to call to get photographs of a home he is currently working on in that area. Mr. Tietz will call his office. Mr. Tietz asked if the historical society could get him the addresses and contact information for the owners of the properties to make sure the owners are okay with him photographing their homes.

Ms. Lawhon recommended her great grandfather's house on Pullen and Wilson and she can get permission for the house to be photographed. Mr. Glazier recommends using an older picture of the house and a current picture of the house.

Ms. McKuen stated she loves the red signs and can Mr. Tietz stand in the right-of-way to get a picture of the sign. Ms. Hunter said we're currently in a law suit over those signs. Mr. Glazier asked if it would be a conflict of interest if we had Brian take a picture of the signs. Ms. Hunter suggested running this by the City Attorney since we are in a current law suit regarding the sign. Mr. Glazier is unhappy with the sign ordinance in Bonita Springs and is concerned about losing the historic signs. Mr. Glazier would like to do something to save them, he does not want to lose them. Ms. Hunter said it's not an issue of using the signs, let's stop and let the City Attorney address this.

Mr. Tietz needs a solid list of what the Board would like photographed with the addresses and contact information for the owners. Mr. Revord said if okay with the Board, he will meet with Mr. Tietz and give him the list of homes. Mr. Revord asked, once the pictures are done, could the Board get the contact sheet and then the Board can decide which pictures they want to use. Originally the plan was for about 20 pictures. Mr. Revord asked Ms. Hunter how much money is available for this project. Ms. Hunter replied the Board has \$10K this year and had \$10K last year for this project, it did not roll over. The Board currently has \$9222 in the historic preservation fund. We have allocated \$5K to Mr. Correia at Bonita Video, which would leave \$4K for this project.

Mr. Tietz had provided quotes at the September 29, 2016 meeting for prints:

- Mr. Teitz estimated that 20 to 30 prints would cost approximately \$1,000 - \$2000.
- The panoramic metal prints Mr. Tietz specializes in cost approximately \$100 or \$200 for a for a 20"x30" print.
- Mr. Tietz provided 4 quotes for 20"x30" prints (metal):
 - Naples Print shop - \$2,309
 - Fort Myers Print shop - \$2,404.80
 - White House Custom color - \$2,055
 - Panorama Pix (15"x30" print) – \$1,875

The Board decided to allocate \$4K towards this project.

Mr. Grantt made a motion to approve the prints not to exceed \$4K; Ms. McKuen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Tietz would like to schedule a time to take pictures of the Board. The Liles hotel was recommended.

Mr. Revord thanked Mr. Tietz for his donation of time on this project. Mr. Tietz would like to give the photos to the people that he photographed and asked the Board to identify the photos they like the best so he can make sure the subjects get a picture of their photos.

Mr. Tietz will meet with Mr. Revord on August 3 to go over the list. Mr. Revord asked the Board to get their list to Ms. Hunter by Tuesday, August 1, so he can advise Mr. Tietz when they meet on August 3. Mr. Tietz's goal is to have everything shot by August 31 so he can have it for the Board to review to pick their favorites.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 29, 2017

Corrections:

Page 1 – Correct Spelling of Mr. Winn in Roll Call

Page 3 – Correct 5th paragraph, change “Ms. Hunter responded” to Ms. Whittemore responded

Page 7 – Bonita Video Project, correct bullet #4 from:

- The ~~Lykes~~ brothers breakfast to
- The Liles brothers breakfast

Ms. Lawhon made a motion to approve the minutes with the corrections as stated above; Mr. Glazier seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Grantt reported both the House and the Senate decide to fund a passenger rail service in this country. There will be more money put into passenger rail service.

Mr. Revord asked about the status on the Pedestrian/Bike path. Ms. Hunter responded regarding SunRail, there are different branches and locations. The trail that is in Sarasota County is an east

and west trail from Tampa to Orlando, we are on the state pathways trail and there are alternative routes that they are looking. One at the railroad corridor, one is going along the beach. They are looking at the possibility to having an opportunity trail on Imperial Parkway. The official trails show the SunRail trail with the opportunity trail that goes along the beach. This project is still going through the review process and currently there is not funding designated by the state, but that could be down the road.

Ms. Hunter reported that the Wonder Garden is going to be looking at touching up their murals. It would be the exact same colors and lines; they are touching up the paint, not changing copy. Ms. Hunter stated we will advise the Art in Public Places Board so that they are aware that the Wonder Garden is designated as a historic resource.

Mr. Fiigon reported that the cottage given to the Wonder Gardens by Shangri-La that is located next to the restaurant building, is part of a multi-phase project. The Wonder Gardens management wants to revamp the building and would like the cottage to serve as a class room or assembly place. Mr. Fiigon reported that they are working on their parking lots. They are fully aware that anything that is done to the property has to come before the Historic Preservation Board.

Additionally we received two very complimentary emails from the CEO of Shangri-La thanking staff and the Board for expediting the revamping of their restrooms. Mr. Fiigon said very positive changes are happening there.

Mr. Revord asked about the Art in Public Places murals. Ms. Hunter reported that there is a new mural going in on the Right at Home building. It's a historic mural starting with the Calusa Indians, outlining the history of Bonita Springs. As an example, in one of the panels, the mural features a swamp buggy because Bonita Springs is the home of the first swamp buggy.

Ms. Hunter reported that the mural contract for Bensons Grocery was renewed for another 5 years. Bensons put an addition on the back of the building and the artist Alex Nunez will be putting a new mural on the addition.

Mr. Revord asked how contracts for murals work. Ms. Hunter explained there is a contract with the owner, and if they want to resell, they have to reimburse the city based on the number of years. The artist is responsible for regular maintenance. If it fades or does not do what it's supposed to do, the artist is responsible. If it's an act of God or vandalism, that's something different. The artists use material now with UV coating, which extends the life of the mural, typically the contracts are written for 3 to 5 years, which should maintain it.

Mr. Revord asked if they were going to put something on the bridge. Ms. Hunter reported that City Council is working on that and has asked the Art in Public Places Board with help with the design. Ms. Hunter explained that the Jersey barrier is built to certain standards and there are safety requirements that must be considered. However, they are looking at something more attractive.

Mr. Revord asked if we were able to contact Ms. Gail Dean. Ms. Hunter will look for Ms. Dean's contact information. Mr. Revord would like a picture of Ms. Dean in front of the Historic Designation sign that she designed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board discussed the next meeting, which was scheduled for August 31, which is Labor Day weekend. The Board decided to meet on August 24, 2017. Mr. Glazier noted he will try to make it, as he is just getting back from vacation.

Chairman Revord asked if there was a motion to adjourn, Ms. Trish Welles made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Elly McKuen seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date: 6/28/18

AUTHENTICATED:


Dallas Revord, Chairman

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