

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
CITY HALL, 9101 BONITA BEACH ROAD
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135
MINUTES**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m. on Thursday, January 31, 2019.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Dallas Revord
Trish Welles
J. Welsch
Alex Grantt

Staff

Mike Fiigon
Carly Jeanne Sanseverino
Elly McKuen
Laura Carr, Councilwoman

Public

Bonnie Whittemore
Antonio Correia

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

IV. ORAL TRADITION PROJECT PROPOSALS

a. Antonio Correia

Mr. Revord asked Mr. Correia to correct the address on the Goodbread Grocery project. Mr. Correia stated that he will need an address for the QR code. Ms. McKuen stated that the Goodbread Grocery is in the same parcel as the Liles Hotel for now. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Correia to remove the address to avoid confusion.

Mr. Revord relayed that Councilman Forbes asked if they could video some long-time Bonita Springs residents to talk about the Goodbread Grocery. Ms. McKuen has three names for Mr. Correia and will email the names to him tomorrow. Mr. Correia will work with Ms. McKuen and Ms. Whittemore on material for the Goodbread Grocery.

Mr. Correia would like to propose three projects:

- Hispanic Presence in Bonita Springs
- Ringling Corporation of Bonita Springs
- Sawmill industry and trains/railroads

Mr. Fiigon asked if the price would be the regular rate of \$1,000 per oral tradition project. Mr. Correia replied yes, \$1,000 per project.

Ms. Wells moved to spend \$3,000 to fund three historic oral tradition projects, Mr. Grantt seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

V. GOODBREAD GROCERY UPDATE
a. Elly McKuen

On January 16, City Council brought up the concern that when the Goodbread Grocery was moved, it stayed in its original appearance and was an eyesore. Council asked that it be boarded up, which was done and then painted with a visible white primer. Council then asked staff to look at the possibility of creating the look of windows and doors where the windows and doors are on the building. They engaged the services of artist Alex Nunez, who has done a lot of the murals downtown, to paint a picture of windows and doors on the building. Mr. Nunez is doing this at no cost. Ms. McKuen anticipates it will be done next week at the latest.

Once Mr. Nunez is done, they will put a banner on the building that reads "Work in Progress" so people understand that the building is not done.

They are moving forward getting prices on windows and doors and only considering wooden windows and doors that are appropriate for a building of that era.

Ms. McKuen explained that Council will have the mid-year budget discussion in March and has asked Ms. McKuen to put together a budget and a timeline for the Goodbread Grocery. Ms. McKuen does not think that Council is going to find \$300K for the Goodbread Grocery and believes some of the improvements are going to fall onto other funding sources. Ms. McKuen advised that many of the grants are not 100%, but they are either 50/50 or 20/20. Ms. McKuen wanted to talk to the Board about collaborating on fundraising. Ms. McKuen recommended cocktail events or luncheons with guest speakers. The Board discussed possible venues, ideas and opportunities to raise money.

Ms. McKuen asked the Board if they would consider her request of \$25,000 to go towards the rehabilitation of the Goodbread Grocery. The Board decided to wait to commit the \$25K to the Goodbread Grocery until after the RFP for the Historic Village closes. The Board discussed the open RFP for the Historic Village.

Mr. Revord made a motion to amend the RFP for the Historic Village to include a deadline for questions to March 26, 2019, Mr. Welsch seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Ms. McKuen will put together an outline of potential fundraising activities and email it to the Board for their review. Ms. McKuen asked the Board to individually email their ideas back to Ms. McKuen, but do not reply all. Ms. McKuen will compile the results for the next meeting.

Mr. Revord will ask Ms. Bridges, Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs, if they could have a cocktail reception at the Liles Hotel on Saturday, March 2 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. following Art Fest to start the fund raising efforts for the Goodbread Grocery. Mr. Revord asked if they could do an email blast about the event. Ms. McKuen will check with Communication Director, Lora Taylor.

Ms. Whittemore suggested sending the notice to Mr. Paeno, President of the Downtown Alliance, so he could put it on the Downtown Alliance email list. Ms. Whittemore also advised sending the notice to Mr. Strader so that he can put it on the Historic Society website.

Mr. Welsch will ask Mr. Tietz if he can participate.

Ms. McKuen will reach out to the Shangri-La and get their feedback.

Ms. McKuen will put all the ideas on paper so the Board can discuss.

b. Regular Certificate of Appropriateness

Mr. Fiigon reported that staff had initiated an Administrative Certificate of Appropriateness due to reports of people going in the building before it was boarded up, which necessitated an administrative Certificate of Appropriateness.

VI. GRANT APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

a. McSwain House

Mr. Fiigon reported that the Bonita Springs Historical Society has submitted a grant application for the remainder of the funds that were not paid out of last year's grant approval for \$2,398. The Board currently has \$50,000 in their grant budget, which would bring the total remaining to \$47,602.

Ms. Welles moved to approve the request for \$2,398, Mr. Welsch seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. HISTORIC VILLAGE DISCUSSION (*running agenda item*)

Mr. Grant made a motion to amend the motion above changing the deadline for questions from the March 26, 2019, to the March 21, 2019, Mr. Revord seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DISCUSSION WITH APPLICANT FOR VACANT BOARD POSITION

a. Bonnie Whittemore

Ms. Welles asked Ms. Whittemore about her background.

Ms. Whittemore shared her background with the Board and stated that she became interested in historic preservation when she bought a 52-acre farmhouse in Massachusetts. She noted it was said that George Washington slept there. Ms. Whittemore fell in love with Bonita Springs and has lived in Bonita since 2000. She is president of the Bonita Springs Historical Society and has been a member since 2006. Her term will be up in March 2020. The idea of the historic village really appeals to her. Ms. Whittemore noted that Sturbridge Village in Massachusetts was her back door. Ms. Whittemore enjoys meeting the people of Bonita Springs.

The Board thanked Ms. Whittemore for coming in and all she does for the City of Bonita Springs.

IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Grantt shared that he attended the State Legislative Delegation meeting and was able to speak to the Chairman regarding an article in the February edition of Train Magazine that detailed everything you wanted to know about laying track. Mr. Grantt explained the cost involved redoing the rail track from Alico Road to Railhead Industrial Park, which is 13 miles of track.

Mr. Grantt would like to have a piggyback system attaching a train to the auto train out of Sanford, Florida. Ms. Welles liked the proposal for hurricane supplies. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Grantt to type up a letter that they could all support as individuals, not in their capacity as boardmembers.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. December 6, 2018

Mr. Revord saw one error in Section "V" where it reads:

"The Bonita Springs Historic Preservation Society is requesting the remaining balance for the work that has been completed in the amount \$2,398."

Remove the word "Preservation" and correct "Historic" to read "Historical" as below:

The Bonita Springs Historical Society is requesting the remaining balance for the work that has been completed in the amount \$2,398.

Mr. Revord made a motion to approve the December 6, 2018, minutes as amended above, Ms. Welles seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

Mr. Revord asked for a motion to adjourn, Ms. Welles so moved; meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,



Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date: _____

4/26/19

AUTHENTICATED:

Dallas Revord

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