# PUBLIC MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 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 5:31 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Present Staff

Dallas Revord Mike Fiigon
Alan Glazier Mary Zizzo

Trish Welles
Alex Grantt
J. Welsch
Alisha Feezor

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

### IV. HISTORIC VILLAGE DISCUSSION

Mr. Fiigon stated that they are still in the phase of accepting responses to the RFP. The deadline for answering questions is coming up. Mr. Fiigon explained the process of answering questions posed during a bid and stated they have been working with the Staff Attorney regarding the proper protocol.

Mr. Revord asked who answers the questions, and Mr. Fiigon replied that he and Ms. Sanseverino would answer the questions.

Mr. Welsch asked what the realistic timeframe would be regarding the Board's review of the submissions. Mr. Fiigon stated May or June.

Mr. Welsch asked about the deadline for the submission. Mr. Fiigon will find out.

## V. VACANT BOARD POSITION

a. Suzy Valentine Email

Ms. Valentine emailed that she was unable to attend, but that understands that Ms. Whittemore also applied for the vacancy and stated that she would cede to Ms. Whittemore.

Mr. Revord noted that there would be no conflict of interest regarding Ms. Whittemore being President of the Bonita Springs Historical Society because she would abstain from voting on matters involving the Historical Society.

Mr. Revord would like to go forward and recommend Ms. Whittemore to Council for a seat on the Historic Preservation Board. After discussion, the Board concurred.

Mr. Fiigon will work with the City Clerk to get Ms. Whittemore's application before Council at the April 17, 2019 City Council Meeting for their review and decision.

#### VI. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

a. Alan Glazier - Demo Delay Ordinance Concerns

Mr. Glazier was concerned about a property on Goodwin after he noticed that they tore down the old house and put a "for sale" sign on the property. Mr. Glazier was under the impression that the property was purchased to build a residence, but learned that it was purchased without plans to build a residence. Mr. Glazier feels historic properties should not be purchased for speculative purposes and wants to know if there is anything that can be done in regards to the ordinance. Mr. Fiigon noted that the property owners waited the required 90 days in accordance with the ordinance before demolishing the structure.

Mr. Glazier noted that the main house was demolished, but the cottage near the river is still there. Mr. Revord asked if the cottage was allowed to remain due to its proximity to the river. Mr. Fiigon replied that the cottage could only stay because it is grandfathered in. If they were to demolish it, they could not build another structure as close to the river.

Mr. Glazier asked if something could be added to the Demo Delay Ordinance stipulating that a property owner must build. Mr. Revord asked staff to research the Demo Delay Ordinance to see if there is anything in the ordinance to address these situations.

b. Write-ups for the Iconic Bonita pictures by Brian Tietz

Mr. Revord shared the write-ups that Ms. Lawhon prepared for the Iconic Bonita pictures. Mr. Revord noted that Ms. Lawhon also provided a table of contents. Mr. Revord asked the Board to review the write-ups at their leisure and get back to Ms. Chiaramonte with any comments. Mr. Revord asked if Ms. Sanseverino would review from a legal standpoint.

### c. Oral Tradition videos

Mr. Revord asked the Board if they had a chance to watch the Oral Tradition videos and mentioned that some were on the Bonita Springs Historical Society website, but not on the City Web Site. Mr. Revord asked staff to follow-up with Mr. Correia.

#### d. Iconic Bonita Photos

Mr. Welsch spoke to Mr. Tietz about using the pictures for fundraising purposes, such as in a coffee table book. Mr. Tietz would like to talk to staff before committing. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Welsch to speak to Mr. Tietz about a biography.

Mr. Revord asked Ms. Welles if she could work on a write-up explaining the purpose and mission of the Historic Preservation Board. The Board discussed how to make the community more aware of the Board and their contributions to the City.

Mr. Fiigon reported that Ms. Mary Zizzo would be taking over as the staff liaison for the Board. Mr. Fiigon will be leaving the City to embark on a new career opportunity. The Board gave their thanks to Mr. Fiigon for all his hard work and wished him all the best. The Board welcomed Ms. Zizzo.

#### VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

### VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. January 31, 2019

Mr. Revord made a motion to approve the January 31, 2019, minutes, Mr. Welsch seconded; motion passed unanimously.

## IX. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – April 25, 2019

The next meeting date confirmed for April 25, 2019.

Mr. Glazier will not be able to attend the April 25, 2019 meeting. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Glazier to send any items or comments he may have for the next meeting to Ms. Chiaramonte.

Mr. Welsch asked if they could discuss the book idea at the next meeting, as well as the Historic Village submittals.

Mr. Revord asked if Mr. Glazier could work on a list of accomplishments since the inception of the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Revord noted the Everglades Wonder Gardens, water tower and the Demo Delay Ordinance. Mr. Revord asked Ms. Welles if she could assist in preparing a full-page write-up on what the Board is and what they do.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Welles made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Glazier seconded; motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>Nadire Chiaramente</u> Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

**APPROVED** 

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date:

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