

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 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 5:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Alan Glazier
Alisha Feezor
J. Welsch
Trish Welles
Dallas Revord
Alex Grantt

Staff

Carly Sanseverino
Mary Zizzo
Elly McKuen

Guest

Charlie Strader

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

IV. HISTORIC VILLAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Revord announced that Council approved authorizing staff to enter into negotiations with Parker, Mudgett, Smith Architects as well as applying for the small matching grant for the Historic Village project.

Ms. McKuen reported that she and Mr. Welsch met with Parker, Mudgett, Smith Architects on Tuesday, and they were able to clarify the importance of the steps that need to be accomplished with the concept. Ms. McKuen stated that they discussed that the focus of Phase I should be on economic strategy, as outlined in the memo.

Mr. Welsch stated that the discussion was to ensure that Parker, Mudgett fully understands the concept. Mr. Mudgett has done similar projects that they can show City Council to illustrate that it has been done and can be done. Mr. Welsch stated that they brainstormed on how to accomplish something that is complete enough to present to Council. They will present several approaches and basic conceptual renderings. Mr. Welsch thinks that \$30K is a very fair number for the services they would provide.

Ms. McKuen reported that Phase II would be a good balance of the remainder. Ms. McKuen explained that she would be asking them to fund the master plan with the small matching grant program. Ms. McKuen will add renderings to get to the \$50K threshold.

Mr. Revord expressed concern about the capability. Mr. Welsch was very impressed with the scope of the financial analysis delivered for the agreed upon sum. Ms. McKuen stated that they would pick two to three uses to start the analysis, with a focus on retail/office and with different size sites.

Mr. Strader asked whether they implied that retail/business would be the most commercially viable. Not to exclude hospitality or entertainment, it should have a hook to make it a destination. Ms. McKuen explained retail and office covers a great deal of land uses.

Ms. McKuen stated that the direction sought at this time is the Board's commitment for Phase I with the feasibility study and basic concept plan. The other commitment would be that, in order to reach the \$30K threshold, the Board would ask to transfer money from the Historic Preservation Grant Program to the Historic Village Study.

Mr. Welsch stated that this scope of work could bring the Board to a position to apply for more grants.

Mr. Grantt made a motion to transfer the \$5000 from the Grant fund to the Historic Village study. Ms. Welles seconded; all in favor motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Grantt made a motion that they go with the proposal from Parker Mudgett as stated in the May 21, 2019, memorandum from the City and the May 21, 2019, Proposal for Professional Services from Parker Mudgett, Mr. Welsch seconded; all in favor motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sanseverino will draft a greensheet for the budget transfer for Council.

V. BONITA BOOK IDEA UPDATE

Mr. Revord reported that he did speak with the Mayor, who is very excited about the book idea and said to let him know if the Board needed anything.

Mr. Revord reported that Ms. Whittemore reached out to her contacts regarding the layout. She did not get anything firm as far as prices, but did reach out to both contacts.

Mr. Revord thanked Ms. Welles for her hard work on the revisions for the write-ups.

Ms. Sanseverino confirmed clarification on the write up for the clock.

Mr. Glazier would like to see the Board get involved with the block on Old 41 where there used to be a park and picnic tables. Mr. Revord will mention it to the Rotary Club. Mr. Revord asked Ms. Zizzo to ask Parks & Recreation about the tables under the Banyan Tree to see whether it is feasible before reaching out to the Rotary Club.

Mr. Revord said he would like the Board to put together notecards with write-ups for each photo for the traveling exhibit. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Welsch whether he had spoken to the photographer, Brain Tietz, about using some of the photos that were not selected for prints to add to book. Mr. Welsch stated Mr. Tietz said that was fine. Mr. Welsch explained that out of the 156 pictures taken by Mr. Tietz, the Board selected 29 for prints.

Mr. Revord mentioned that the Mayor said there should be a write up in the beginning of the book on the history of Bonita Springs. Mr. Revord would like to get part of the book in this year's budget.

VI. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Revord stated that Mr. Correia reached out to him regarding the Hispanic oral tradition project. Three thousand dollars has been budgeted for the oral tradition project.

Ms. Sanseverino reported that the next budget meeting is on June 18. Ms. Sanseverino mentioned that the Board had discussed switching the amounts and budgeting \$25K for Grants and \$50K for projects and asked whether the board wanted to ask for more money this year. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Revord asked Ms. Zizzo to reach out to Communications about marketing for Historic Preservation.

Mr. Revord asked Mr. Glazier to work on the history and accomplishments of the Historic Preservation Board.

Ms. Feezor made a motion to ask for \$10,000 for the project fund, \$50,000 for the Historic Village Feasibility study and \$25,000 for the grant fund with the provision that they can discuss reallocating the funds if the need arises, Mr. Grantt seconded; motion passed unanimously.

VII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Ms. Sanseverino advised that the Board should be receiving Form I, Statement of Financial Interests, for 2018 by mail and advised that it needs to be filed by July 1, 2019.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Strader stated that they have 22 monuments from the Art in Public Places Board downtown and thinks the Board should pull this information together about the murals and monuments.

Mr. Strader brought more pamphlets and Mr. Revord asked staff to make sure there are pamphlets placed in the lobby.

IX. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 25, 2019

Mr. Grantt made a motion to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes, Mr. Revord seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

b. May 2, 2019

Ms. Welles made a motion to approve the minutes, Ms. Feezor seconded; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

X. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE: June 27, 2019

Next meeting date confirmed for June 27, 2019.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

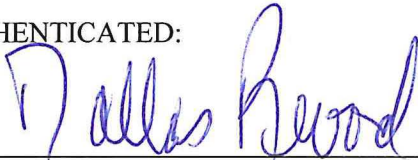
Ms. Feezor made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Welles seconded; meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date: 7/18/19

AUTHENTICATED:

Dallas Revord

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