

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 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 Thursday, August 22, 2019, at 5:34 p.m., room 118 at City Hall.

II. ROLL CALL

Present

Dallas Revord

J. Welsch

Alexander Grantt

Bonnie Whittemore

Trish Welles

Alisha Feezor

Staff

Mary Zizzo

Carly Sanseverino

Public

Charlie Strader

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Strader asked who wrote the accomplishments for the one-page write-up for the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Revord prepared the accomplishments, which is for discussion by the Board for the webpage.

IV. PHOTO BOOK PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Revord reported they had their first Photo Book Committee meeting. Mr. Revord stated the members are:

Dallas Revord – Chairman Historic Preservation Board

Janet Martin – Chairwoman of the Tree Advisory Board

Jennifer Perry – Board member of the Art in Public Places Board

Charlie Strader – Member of the Bonita Springs Historical Society

Rudy VonEyser – Account Manager Prestige Printing

Antonio Correia – President of Bonita Video

Arden McCurdy – President Speakers Assembly

Meighan Harris – Bonita Springs Estero Realtors

Mr. Revord gave a recap of the meeting discussion. Mr. Revord said that Ms. Hunter had said they could approach Council regarding funding. If they were able to get additional funding, it would reduce the amount of fundraising needed. Mr. Revord stated that Ms. McKuen would look for grants for this project. Ms. Perry and Mr. VonEyser both have suggestions for graphic designers. Mr. VanEyser is going to get quotes for the two different types of covers.

V. HISTORIC VILLAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY UPDATE

Mr. Welsch said that his last update was the phone meeting on July 24, 2019, and Ms. McKuen updated the Board at the August meeting. Mr. Welsch stated it was a very positive meeting.

VI. DESIGNATED HISTORIC RESOURCE SIGNS

Mr. Revord went through the list and went out to each property to see if they had a historic designation plaque on each property. He made a list and gave a copy for the city and for the BS Historical Society so everyone knows what properties we have and which have signs and which do not have signs.

Staff has ordered a sign for the property at 27041 Center Street where the sign had faded due to weather.

Staff has also reached out to Ernie's signs for alternatives that would stand up to the weather better.

The Board discussed historic plaques and if they should be mandatory once a house is designated historic. Ms. Whittemore feels if the house is a historic resource, it should be marked. Mr. Revord thinks there should be verbiage in the ordinance stating that it is a requirement. Ms. Welles stated she thinks they should be sensitive to the homeowner's wishes. Mr. Welsch stated that the signs are colorful and homeowners may not want a sign as colorful.

Mr. Revord asked Mr. Welsch if he could do some research on signs that would not be so colorful. Mr. Welsch could provide some examples from overseas. Mr. Strader has seen signs in upstate New York and Western Pennsylvania that were the same idea, but much smaller so they would not be intrusive. Mr. Revord thought if the signs were better material and smaller homeowners may not mind. Ms. Welles thinks a smaller sign would be more attractive.

Mr. Welsch stated since there are so many that do not have plaques, maybe they should hold off until they know what they are going to do with new signs.

Ms. Zizzo will reach out to Ernie's signs to discuss alternatives. Ms. Zizzo will ask to see if they have started production on the 27041 sign yet and, if not, tell them to hold off until the Board makes a decision on a new sign.

The Board discussed the possibility of getting examples of new signs and if they could be purchased before the end of the fiscal year. Ms. Sanseverino will see if they can get the 1937 sign in this year's budget, and then in next fiscal year, they could do a bulk order.

VII. DISCUSSION OF WEBSITE PAGE CONTENT

a. General Description

Mr. Revord reported that he and Ms. Sanseverino put together a one-page write-up on the Board for the City newsletter. Mr. Revord explained that the City newsletter would feature

each Board. Mr. Revord thought they would start with what they do. Mr. Revord stated that next quarter they could pick another topic such as the Historic Village, the grant process, or the photo book.

For the website, Mr. Revord asked the Board members to review the write-up for the newsletter and send their changes to staff for the Board's review.

The Board discussed having profiles of the Board members on the webpage. Ms. Sanseverino suggested a group picture. Mr. Welsch will ask Mr. Tietz if he could take a Board picture. Mr. Revord suggested waiting until fall, October/November.

Mr. Revord asked the Board to think about what they would for the December newsletter.

b. Notable Accomplishments

Briefly discussed above.

c. Current Projects

Briefly discussed above.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF ARCHIVING PROJECT

a. Methodology

Mr. Strader explained that he had found archival material including deeds from when Florida first became a state containing valuable information. Mr. Revord borrowed some of the material and made copies, which proved difficult due to the age, quality and size of the documents.

The Board discussed the benefit of having copies of the archived material if it is available in Lee County. Mr. Strader stated that once they contact the appropriate person, someone needs to take the time to meet with the individual to see what Lee County has.

Ms. Whittemore suggested working with Ms. Simons who is very good at pulling out this kind of information and asked the Board if they wanted her to go through this exercise with Ms. Simon. Ms. Feezor recommended defining the task that Ms. Whittemore will be working on. Specifically what does Lee County have and how would they access it. Ms. Feezor stated that information would help determine if they need to bring it to the City. Mr. Revord thanked Ms. Whittemore for volunteering to take on this project.

b. End product

Not discussed.

IX. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Grantt had minor changes for the coffee table book history page and the photo write-ups. Mr. Revord asked Mr. Grantt to get his corrections and changes to staff.

Mr. Revord asked when the McSwain House would be opening. Ms. Whittemore announced they got the Certificate of Occupancy and they will be having a big party to open it up. The building will fit 62 people inside, but with the doors open, it would fit 90 to 100. Mr. Revord suggested having a photograph taken there.

The Board discussed taking a tour of the Marco Island Historical Museum. Mr. Revord suggested a Saturday in October. Mr. Grantt said to avoid the second Saturday of each month.

Mr. Welsch spoke about an article he read about Bonita Springs in a German magazine. Mr. Welsch noted it is a good article and outlined what is written for the Board. Mr. Strader said the Bonita Springs Historical Society would like one or two copies. Mr. Welsch will get Mr. Strader a couple copies.

X. STAFF UPDATES

a. CLG Training Opportunity

Ms. Zizzo reported that Ms. Megan McDonald from the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources, offered to schedule a separate training meeting. Ms. Zizzo stated that Ms. McDonald mentioned that Fort Myers, Lee County and Collier County might also be interested in attending the training. Mr. Revord thought it would be nice to host the training at City Hall and foster awareness of Bonita Springs.

b. Historic Resource List

Ms. Zizzo asked if they would like to do the Historic Resource list next year. Ms. Sanseverino stated there was talk about revising the ordinance since the list has become so extensive. Mr. Revord stated that the list would continue to include items that are not historic. Ms. Sanseverino stated that the list was run for anything older than 50 years and she is not sure if the CLG requirements are for that criterion. Ms. Sanseverino suggests talking to Ms. McDonald. Mr. Revord asked if they could make it every two years instead of every year. Mr. Grantt would recommend 1960 as a cutoff. Mr. Revord asked staff to look into that and get back to the Board.

c. Fall Newsletter Feature

Discussed briefly above in item VII, but not decided.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

XII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. July 25, 2019

Ms. Welles made the following corrections to the July 25, 2019, minutes:

Item IV, seventh paragraph:

Add the word “the” before coastal dunes:

*Mr. Kirby had given Mr. Revord a list of remarkable trees in the Bonita Springs area and suggested they incorporate gopher tortoises, wetlands, eagle nests, Estero Bay bird rookeries, manatees at Riverside Park, **the** coastal dune system and the old tram railway system.*

Item V, second paragraph:

Replace the word “grove” with “groove”

*Mr. Glazier mentioned the tongue and ~~grove~~**groove** pine was used in that period.*

Item V, fourth paragraph, fourth sentence:

Replace the word “then” with “the”:

*Mr. Revord will give Ms. Origer ~~then~~**the** name of Mr. Busk who has restored four homes in Bonita Springs and may be interested in the materials.*

Item IX, first paragraph:

Add comma after “\$50,000 for the grant,”

Mr. Revord stated the Historic Preservation Board budget is \$50,000 for the grant, \$25,000 for the feasibility study and \$10,000 for the project fund.

Item XI, item a, third sentence, correcting the July 27, 2019 meeting minutes:

Replace the word “work” to “word”

Replace the ~~work~~ word “side” with site

Ms. Welles made a motion to approve the minutes as correct, Mr. Grantt seconded; motion passed unanimously.

XIII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING – September 26, 2019


Next meeting confirmed for September 26, 2019.

The Board discussed having pictures taken at the October meeting at the McSwain House and selected October 17 at 5:30.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

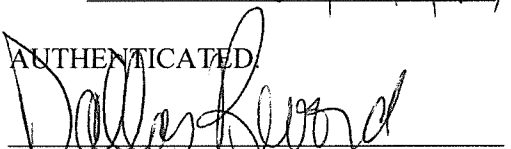
Ms. Welles made a motion to adjourn, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Nadine Chiamonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date: 10/11/19

AUTHENTICATED:

Dallas Revord

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