

**PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019, 5:30 P.M.  
LILES HOTEL, 27300 Old 41 Road  
BONITA SPRINGS, FLORIDA 34135  
MINUTES**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

**Present**

Bonnie Whittemore  
Alexander Grantt  
Trish Welles  
Dallas Revord

**Staff**

Elly McKuen  
Mary Zizzo  
Carly Sanseverino  
Antonio Correia

**Public**

Chris Magnus  
John R. Hritz  
Emily H. Hritz  
Mike Wilson

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

IV. DEMOLITION DELAY WAIVER REQUEST

a. 27181 Harbor Drive

Mr. Grantt voiced his concern regarding flooding in that area. Mr. Hritz stated they would be required to build per the code of the City. Mr. Revord asked Ms. Whittemore if the property had any historic significance. Ms. Whittemore indicated that it did not.

***Ms. Welles made a motion to waive the demolition delay for the property located at 27181 Harbor Drive; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.***

***Mr. Revord asked for a motion to remove 27181 Harbor Drive from the demolition delay list, Ms. Whittemore so moved, Ms. Welles seconded; motion passed unanimously.***

b. 27524 Big Bend Rd.

Mr. Hritz stated his family owns the property right next door and his intention is to merge the two properties. The property, built in 1956, is in a state of disrepair.

*Ms. Welles made a motion to waive the demotion delay for 27524 Big Bend Road, Mr. Grantt seconded, motion passed unanimously.*

*Mr. Revord asked for a motion to remove 27524 from the demolition delay/historic significance list, Ms. Welles so moved, Mr. Grantt seconded; motion passed unanimously.*

V. HISTORIC DESIGNATION REQUEST

a. 10751 Ragsdale Street

Mr. Revord stated that Staff recommended not designating the property located at 10751 Ragsdale Street as a historic resource.

*Mr. Revord asked for a motion not recommending 10751 Ragsdale Street for historic designation, Ms. Whittemore so moved, Ms. Welles seconded; motion passed unanimously.*

VI. HISTORIC VILLAGE FEASIBILITY STUDY

a. Update

Ms. McKuen gave an update on the email from Mr. Randall Gross regarding the market analysis for the Historic Village feasibility study. Mr. Gross will have a first draft for the Board to look at in December.

Ms. McKuen reported that they have received two invoices from Parker Mudgett, one for \$9,200, which was processed, and Ms. McKuen received another invoice for \$2,500, which will be processed before the end of the fiscal year.

The Board discussed the funding for this project. Mr. Revord stated his concern that the project was not going to be completed before the end of the fiscal year. The Board discussed going forward for next fiscal year they will include language in the change order to cover the expected completion of Phase I.

*Mr. Revord made a motion to extend the contract with Parker Mudgett to January 31, 2020 with staff recommendations about the percentage of the lump sum amount of the contract, Mr. Grantt seconded; motion passed unanimously.*

VII. ORAL TRADITION PROJECTS – Antonio Correia

Mr. Correia gave a brief synopsis of the two oral tradition projects he was able to complete on migrant workers and the incorporation of the City. Mr. Correia noted there was not enough time to start the train project.

Mr. Correia noted the incorporation project is an hour and nineteen minutes long. Mr. Correia suggested cutting a shorter version and making it a premiere at the Prado. The Board discussed and agreed this would be a good idea. Mr. Revord will reach out to Trish Leonard to discuss putting together the event in January. Mr. Revord asked Ms. Zizzo to put the Incorporation

Project Premiere on the agenda for the next Board meeting. Mr. Grantt stated that it would also be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation.

Mr. Correia will send the link of the videos to Staff so they can send to the Board.

Mr. Correia announced that the 6<sup>th</sup> Bonita Springs Short Film Festival Red-Carpet Gala will be held on Thursday, November 7 at 6 p.m. at Prado Stadium 12. The Kathy McGrath Young Filmmakers Red Carpet Festival will be held on Saturday, November 9 at 10 a.m. at Prado Stadium.

#### VIII. BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Revord reported the budget has been approved for the next fiscal year with the same amounts, \$50,000 for grants, \$25,000 for the Historic Village feasibility study and \$10,000 for projects.

The Board discussed the plaques. Ms. Zizzo stated that she has been in touch with Bill Riddle at Ernie's signs and he would like someone to stop by the shop so he can go over samples. Ms. Whittemore volunteered to go to Ernie's signs this week.

Mr. Revord suggested Prestige Printing to produce the display cards for Brian Tietz's photos. Ms. Whittemore volunteered to go to Prestige Printing.

Mr. Revord asked Ms. Whittemore if, through her contacts at the Bonita Springs Historical Society, could find old photographs for then/now comparisons and recommended the McSwain House.

#### IX. STAFF UPDATES (if applicable)

Ms. McKuen reported that the Florida Department of State, Division of Historic Resources is reviewing all the grant applications today and tomorrow. Ms. McKuen stated that there are 57 applications statewide up for review and they are number 46. They requested \$200,000 and it is a one to one match. There are two items they would not fund, the flood proofing and the construction of the covered patio because there is not enough room on the current site to build it to the original size.

Ms. McKuen stated they have the ability to call into the meeting and answer questions.

#### X. PHOTO BOOK PROJECT

##### a. Update (if applicable)

Mr. Revord gave an update on the last sub-committee meeting.

- The book would be about 160 pages, 80 pages front and back.
- Prestige Printing would give them a 50-percent discount on labor.
- Prestige Printing recommended a young graphic designer from FGCU and Mr. Revord thinks this would be a good project.
- Sub-Committee member, Jennifer Perry, knows of a good graphic designer as well.

- The sub-committee suggested that the book cost no more than \$50.
- Mr. Revord said that instead of a timeline front to back, the sub-committee suggested having a picture of the Imperial River and the estuaries coming off the river.
- The sub-committee recommended the title “A River Runs Through It – a Photo Essay of Bonita Springs”.
- Mr. Revord announced that the next sub-committee meeting will be held on October 10 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bonita Springs realtor’s office near the Bonita Springs Assistance Office.
- The Sub-Committee thought they could start the book with a picture of the sunrise in East Bonita and end with the sunset.
- The goal for the next meeting is for each sub-committee member to bring the photographs they would like to see in the book. Once the sub-committee selects the photographs for the book, Mr. Revord will bring it back for the Board’s approval.
- Ms. Whittemore asked Mr. Revord to ask Rudy from Prestige Printing to price it out so they do not have to store so many boxes. Mr. Revord said he was advised it would be more economical to order 500.

Mr. Revord thanked Mr. Grantt for his review of the timeline.

XI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. August 22, 2019

The Board decided to hold off until next meeting to approve the August 22, 2019, meeting minutes.

XII. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING

- a. October 17, 2019

The next meeting was confirmed for Thursday, October 17 at the McSwain House. Mr. Revord asked the Board to come prepared to have their pictures taken.

Mr. Revord asked Ms. Zizzo to add selecting a new topic for the December 31 newsletter on the agenda for next meeting.

Mr. Revord suggested inviting the Mayor and the staff liaison to the October 17, 2019 meeting at the McSwain House.

XIII. BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

Mr. Revord brought up the discussion regarding attendance at meetings and asked the Board how they wanted to proceed with addressing issues of members who do not attend regularly. After discussion, the Board decided to ask members if they are still interested in serving on the Board and to look up term limits.

Ms. Zizzo asked the Board if they were interested in attending the CLG Training. Ms. Zizzo will ask for three dates and bring back to the Board to determine which dates would work best.

XIV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

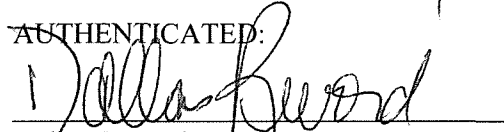
Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD:

Date: 12/11/19

AUTHENTICATED:  
  
Dallas Revord

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