

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 – 9:30 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: Chairwoman, Debra Atwell; Member, Jeffery Ray and Alternate Member #1, Jessica Francis **Also Present:** Planning and Development Director, Jason Jeffries; Interim City Attorney, Kira Honse and Deputy City Clerk, Sherri Philo

Excused Absences: Megan Hoots and Dan Ullian

Unexcused Absence: Steve Erickson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Atwell called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) December 13, 2018

The minutes of the December 13, 2018 Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting were unanimously approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS

A) “Local and Federal Historic Designation,” How they help property owners/community – Presentation by Jason Jeffries, Planning and Development Director

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning and Development Director, gave a Power Point presentation on the National Register vs. Local Register (attached to the original minutes).

Ms. Atwell asked Mr. Jeffries to keep this presentation so they can include it when they do educational seminars for property owners and neighborhoods.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Banners – Donations developing a marketing formula without finances

This item was tabled to the next HPC meeting.

5. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

A) Application for CLB Grant for purpose of Downtown Historic Survey

Ms. Atwell said there is a new building going up in downtown.

Mr. Ray said that he has not seen the renderings.

Ms. Atwell reported that it is located on the City's website.

Mr. Jeffries explained this matter was heard before the Planning and Zoning Board in February.

Ms. Kira Honse, Interim City Attorney, noted that those renderings may not be complete.

Ms. Atwell questioned then what went before the Board was not the exterior elevation.

Mr. Jeffries explained that the City does not have any architectural standards in the Downtown Zoning District.

Mr. Ray said it would still have to go before the Architectural Review Commission (ARC).

Mr. Jeffries said no, because there are no standards.

Ms. Honse said unless they are in two (2) specific zoning districts it is completely voluntary to go before the ARC because there are no City-wide standards.

Ms. Atwell said they did the initial portion of their survey with Certified Local Government (CLG) funds and they are now able to request participation in the CLG process again for additional funds to continue the process. She said that she spoke with Mr. Jeffries about this and it was his idea to focus on the downtown area to become a historic district. If they do that they would have some method and authority to then set up architectural design standards.

Mr. Jeffries explained that what Ms. Atwell was referring to is they could apply for grants to have studies done in the downtown surveying historic properties and historic structures so when they develop historic design guidelines they will compliment what are the historic resources in Downtown.

Ms. Atwell said the problem she has with the four (4) story building that is going up is they don't have any way to address the appearance of the building.

The Board members agreed to have staff apply for grant funds from the CLG to survey the downtown area.

B) Update on 1110 Royal Palm Boulevard

Mr. Jeffries reported that he did a site visit and took pictures, which were submitted to the State to be reviewed to see if the building meets the requirements to be on the National Register. He said this is a perfect example of National versus Local and how they both have to work together in terms of preserving historic assets of a community.

6. MEMBER'S MATTERS

None

7. STAFF MATTERS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.

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