

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023 9:30 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: Diane Miller, Vice Chairman; Members: John Roberts and Diane Cox **Also Present:** John Turner, City Attorney; Jason Jeffries, Planning Director and Tammy Bursick, City Clerk

Excused Absence: Mr. Lee Olsen

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) October 13, 2022

Mr. Roberts made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Mrs. Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A) Chairman

Mrs. Miller nominated Mr. John Roberts for Chairman. The nominations were closed. With no other nominations Mr. Roberts was unanimously nominated as the new Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission.

B) Vice Chairman

Mrs. Miller nominated Mrs. Diane Cox for Vice Chairman. The nominations were closed. With no other nominations Mrs. Cox was unanimously nominated as the new Vice Chairman of the Historic Preservation Commission.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A) Sunshine Law and Public Records Law to be presented by the City Attorney

This item will be heard at the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting.

B) Update on the CLG Report – Planning Director

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning Director, presented the Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report. He referred to questions 16-19 and asked the Commission if they had any revisions that they would like to see made. He said that the report has been submitted to the State and the State has approved the report and the City is now in good standing with the State.

Mrs. Miller asked Mr. Jeffries if he knew of any training classes coming up in the near future similar to the one that she attended. It would be good for the members of the Commission to attend these training classes.

Mr. Jeffries said he would look into it and let the Commission know.

Mrs. Miller brought up the old Szechuan Palace and the former Patio Restaurant and thought that both properties were on the National Historic Register, but not the Local Historic Register.

Mr. Jeffries reported that there is a new restaurant opening up at the Szechuan Palace, but he wasn't sure if the property was on the National Register or if it was just eligible to be on it.

Mr. Roberts brought up their brochure/pamphlet and asked Mr. Jeffries what the status was.

Mr. Jeffries said he was still looking into getting prices to get the pamphlet printed.

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Jeffries if he knew if there would be any new applications that the Historic Preservation Commission would be reviewing in the near future.

Mr. Jeffries commented that he spoke to the property owner of the old Gifford house on 20th Avenue and US1, who is interested in designating the house historical after doing the renovations and improvements to the home. He hoped that it did not change or harm any of the integrity to the property. However, the designation would probably be linked to the person (Gifford family) and not the home itself.

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Jeffries when he thought that the brochure would be printed.

Mr. Jeffries hoped it would be within the next 30-days. He said that things need to be finalized in the Purchasing Department. He said the cheapest way to print that they have found so far is to use an on-line printing service.

Mrs. Miller mentioned that the Indian River County Jail/Sherriff's Department has a printing shop and does not charge for printing. They just ask that the paper be provided and printing in color is also included.

Mrs. Tammy Bursick, City Clerk, was aware that the Indian River County Sherriff's Department provides this service, but wasn't sure if the City has ever used it.

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. MEMBER'S MATTERS

8. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

9. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, today's meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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