

REGULAR MEETING

# SUMMARY MINUTES



Historic Preservation Board (HPB)  
Webex Call-in Meeting  
Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present

Sheldon McCartney, Chair  
Cynthia Strachan-Saunders  
Damian Brink

Anthony Abbate  
Jeff Schwartz

Derek Davis  
Daniel Stallone

## County Staff

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer  
Sunshine Thomas, County Archaeological  
Consultant  
Matthew Haber, Assistant County Attorney

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director PDMD  
Monique Davis, Planning & Development  
Management Division

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair McCartney at 6:07 p.m.; roll call taken by Rick Ferrer with quorum established.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

### III. Approval of Minutes

Approval for minutes of July 16, 2020 meeting.

MOTION – Member Abbate moves to approve, seconded by Member Davis. Six members in favor with one abstention (Member Brink); motion passes.

### IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

### V. New Business

#### A. Introduction of new HPB member, Damian Brink

New HPB member Damian Brink is introduced. Mr. Brink provides a short account of his background in Planning with various municipalities and the private sector including historic preservation projects involving Delray Beach and Mount Dora.

#### B. Introduction of new Assistant County Attorney, Matthew Haber

New Assistant County Attorney Matthew Haber is introduced. Mr. Haber formerly worked

with the City of Miami in environmental and land use work. He worked briefly in the private sector before joining Broward County.

### **C. Federal Preservation Programs**

The County Commission wishes to receive input from its advisory boards regarding Federal programs that the County would go on record as supporting. Staff identified several programs for the HPB's consideration: a) Historic Preservation Fund; b) Great American Outdoors Act; c) Federal Historic Preservation Tax Credit. Member Abbate moves to approve HPB's recommendation for support of the three programs, seconded by Member Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

### **D. Land Development Code**

Staff requests Board's consent to proceed with the study and development of new language to the Land Development Code section for historical resources. Member Schwartz moves to approve a motion to proceed; seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

### **E. Time Capsule**

Staff reached out the Library Division regarding their time capsule project for the Pandemic period. Library has a project that solicits library users to submit writings, artwork, poems, photographs, oral histories which are then featured on an "on-line time capsule" posted on the Library's website. Library offered to post video or image content from the HPB. Staff also identified a website that includes comprehensive information for time capsule projects and demonstrated various sizes, archival bags, air removal and other details. Member Schwartz explained the details of Parkland's time capsule. He recommends - a) identifying contents to be included; b) boxing samples of contents to determine size; c) determine location. A list is needed. Member Abbate would like to hear what is going to be put in capsule before assessing capsule options. Member Schwartz asked what is the goal and what are we trying to achieve? Preserve Covid period? Mr. Delsalle recommended a survey of HPB for ideas on: a) narrow theme down (what is the theme?); b) identify what are the objects involved and select canister; c) consider location (based on the theme). Member Schwartz asks if '2020' is the theme to consider. He also asked to consider if today's technology should be included. Member Davis moves to approve a motion for a survey for a theme and items list from the HPB, seconded by Member Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

## **VI. Old Business**

### **A. State Marker**

Staff noted that the meeting for the State's historic marker committee was postponed and that a new date was for marker application reviews was assigned.

## **VII. Comments by the Chair**

The Chair notes he has no comments.

## **VIII. Announcements by Board Members**

Vice Chair Davis brings to attention an item not on the agenda regarding the Rubin Stacy

Memorial Monument. The Vice Chair noted that one of the members of the Trailblazers of Broward has successfully connected with the Stacy family and obtained an approval from a family member for getting the monument from the Equal Justice Institute (EJI) in Alabama. Member Schwartz noted a recent SunSentinel article related to the initiative. He noted Mr. Ken Cutler, along with others, is working on a renaming project for a section of Davie Boulevard and that Mayor Holness has expressed his support. Member Schwartz suggested bringing Mr. Cutler to talk to the Board for a presentation. Vice Chair notes the family lives in North Florida in anonymity and privacy. Member Abbate notes how the HPB can promote this to Ft Lauderdale since it is the location for the lynching. Member Schwartz stated that the Ft Lauderdale HPB preferred not to address this but that the County mayor had expressed support. Member Abbate stated that the monument should be placed in a public place and is concerned about the public process involved with selecting a site; community needs to be involved. He stated that it may be a good idea to bring Mr. Cutler to the board. Member Strachan Saunders asked if something in writing from the family for approval is necessary. Member Schwartz stated EJI has got it. The board considers a committee or workshop meeting to hear from Mr. Cutler. Member Abbate asks who would like to attend. Chair requests Member Abbate to coordinate the workshop with staff. Attorney Haber notes that sunshine notice is required and that committee members can meet and talk without parliamentary procedure but not make decisions or vote. The Chair requests a progress report at the next meeting of the board. Member Abbate is appointed chair of the workshop. Member Strachan Saunders expressed her concern for all to be safe and careful during this time and prepare in advance for potential hurricane threats. Member Stallone shares that his dissertation was published after much work and time involved and can be googled for review.

## **IX. Adjournment**

Member Abbate offers a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. Motion passes unanimously, meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 7:11 PM.

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