

REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Minutes for the Regular Historic Preservation Board meeting for the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Tuesday, January 15, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida

Board Members present were as follows:

Mr. Robert Fort, Chair

Mr. James Daniels

Mr. Dallas Peacock

Dr. Daniel Stotland

Mr. Warren Trager

Dr. Deborah Wise

Board Members absent were as follows:

Mr. Roman Yurkiewicz, Vice Chair

Mr. Brian Fredley

Dr. Andrei Ludu

Staff members present:

Mr. Doug Gutierrez, Principal Planner

Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney

Ms. Becky Groom, Board Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Fort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll was called with members present as listed above.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** October 16, 2018

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Mr. Daniels, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2018 meeting as presented. The motion carried (6-0).

Mr. Gross stated on Page 3 in the fourth paragraph, the minutes reflect discussion about receiving private donations. Mr. Gross stated that he wanted to make it clear that the City Commission would have to give authorization for the Board to accept private donations. Mr. Gross stated the City Commission would

actually accept the donations and allocate the donations to the Historic Preservation Board.

4. **Discussion Item:** Essay topics for scholarship project

Mr. Gutierrez stated the Board agreed to proceed with an essay format with a limit of between 500 to 1,000 words. Mr. Gutierrez stated the monetary prize was discussed as being between \$250 to \$500 which would be used by the student for their education. Mr. Gutierrez stated the Board will evaluate the submittals and determine the winner.

Commissioner Ruth Trager, 610 Bostwick Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida stated she feels the word blight should be left out of the essay topics in an attempt to make the essays more positive. Commissioner Trager stated she feels the topics should be directed toward a place or section of the City, specific individuals, or a time period.

Dr. Wise suggested narrowing the topic areas.

Mr. Gutierrez stated the city has two local historic districts and 5 or 6 National Registered districts so the topic for the essay could be narrowed to those districts.

Mr. Fort stated the topic of blight was discussed at previous meetings and how other cities have addressed blighted areas. Mr. Fort stated the Board also discussed how blight could be addressed in the City of Daytona Beach as a topic. Mr. Fort stated the topic will need to be open ended if blight will not be a consideration.

Mr. Gutierrez stated instead of using the word blight perhaps rehabilitation of properties could be discussed for historic preservation purposes.

Mr. Fredley stated the discussion of blight was in the vein of historic preservation, and cities such as St. Augustine were discussed. Mr. Fredley stated the discussion involved how some of the bad areas in the city could make a recovery in order to be a contributing part of the city. Mr. Fredley stated some of the areas that could be essay topics would be the Silver Beach corridor, the International Speedway Blvd. corridor to the beach, Midtown, and Orange Avenue on the mainland side.

Mr. Trager stated there are not a lot of historic buildings along Silver Beach since many buildings have been removed.

Mr. Fredley stated the essay could address how to create a corridor in a specific area from an urban planning perspective.

Mr. Fort stated a topic could be to identify an area that could benefit from historic preservation.

Mr. Fredley stated Eddie Hennessey has everything to gain from an International Speedway Blvd. improvement project since he is trying to buy and develop properties in the area and has a vested interest.

Dr. Wise stated perhaps different perspectives could be addressed, such as from a tourist perspective, an economic perspective, and a rehabilitation perspective. Dr. Wise stated traffic should be an item to address if the area is rehabilitated.

Mr. Trager stated about 40 years ago, the city had many historic buildings removed and a lot of history was lost.

Mr. Peacock stated he was not in attendance when the essay topic was proposed by Dr. Ludu. Mr. Peacock stated he would like to receive input from Dr. Ludu as to what he had in mind.

Mr. Fredley stated many historic buildings have been torn down and we should protect what we have. Mr. Fredley stated he feels historic guidelines should be in place for development of the historic areas, such as has been done in St. Augustine.

Mr. Fort asked if there are development guidelines in place that a developer would have to meet for construction along the ISB corridor.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he would have to check but he stated the historic guidelines would be in the local district, not the national register districts. Mr. Gutierrez stated perhaps an essay topic could be developing historic guidelines for the ISB corridor.

Mr. Fredley stated that is what the Historic Preservation Board should be working on and that would be a great project for the Board to address.

Mr. Fort stated he thinks Dr. Ludu was hoping to generate interest in the history of Daytona Beach and historic preservation, and perhaps there would be coverage of the reports in the newspaper. Mr. Fort stated the Board needs to decide on instructions for the project. Mr. Fort suggested that the Board members prepare a statement to be presented to the students which states that the Board is sponsoring an essay contest for a scholarship prize and the assignment.

Mr. Fort asked if Board members could approach individuals about funding the scholarship.

Mr. Gross stated the city does not have an official policy on donations and donations have been received for specific projects in the past.

Mr. Fort asked the Board members to have their topics ready for discussion and consideration by the Board at the next meeting.

5. **Other Business:** Heritage Preservation Trust Report: Mr. Trager, Liaison

Mr. Trager stated there will be a Historic Wine Down on January 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Lillian Place. Mr. Trager stated the annual membership meeting will be held on January 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. and the public is invited.

6. **Staff Update**

Mr. Gutierrez stated in December, the Historic Preservation Awards were presented to the Halifax Historical Society and the 747 Building.

Mr. Gutierrez stated the City was just reviewed for their CLG and the city is still certified and in good standing.

Mr. Gross stated he will research the City's policy on receiving donations and will provide a report to the Board at the next meeting.

7. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

8. **Board Comments**

Mr. Fort stated he recently received a copy of a calendar that the City of Orlando Historic Board prepares each year. Mr. Fort stated the calendar included black and white photos of a historic nature regarding the City of Orlando and outlined specific dates in the City's history. Mr. Fort stated a bank had sponsored the project and asked if that was something this Board could do.

Mr. Fredley stated that would be a great project and 12 historic photos of the community could be used on the calendar.

Mr. Fort suggested that Board members email their suggested topics for the essay project to Mr. Gutierrez so they can be distributed to the Board members prior to the next meeting.

Mr. Trager stated the City Manager can authorize up to \$25,000 without receiving approval from the City Commission; and since a City Commissioner attends the Historic Preservation Board meetings, perhaps that City Commissioner could discuss the funding for Historic Preservation projects with the City Manager. Mr. Trager stated he did not think there would be a problem in getting funding for the printing of a calendar.

Mr. Gross stated the Code states that the City Manager is authorized to purchased goods and services up to \$25,000.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Robert Fort, Chair



Becky Groom, Board Secretary