

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 10, 2016

The Historic New Smyrna Beach Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 in the City Commission Chambers, 210 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Chairperson Lianne Bennett called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present:

Lianne Bennett  
John Coffin  
Jean Mayo  
NoraJane Gillespie  
Timmy Ann Russell  
Kay Matheny

Virginia Schow was absent. Also present were Assistant Planner Robert Mathen; Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox; Board Secretary Tammy Dickerson and members of the public.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion by Ms. Gillespie, seconded by Ms. Mayo, to approve the minutes of the regular January 13, 2016, Historic Preservation Commission meeting. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote, 5-0.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Sarah Bennett, 2615 Crestwood Avenue, stated her name for the record then addressed the Board. She stated that the house bill 803 and the senate bill 1054 have both been to different committees and sub-committees and these committees have been less receptive to these bills so as of now their future isn't looking very bright so that's very good news for archaeology. She stated that there will be the first advocacy day for archaeology at the state capital and it will be about why archaeology matters and how someone can be involved in archaeology. She stated that archaeology month is in March and showed the poster for this year. She stated that the City Commission will be reading the proclamation on February 23<sup>rd</sup> if anyone is interested in attending that meeting.

Robert Red, New Smyrna Beach Museum of History, stated his name then addressed the Board. He stated that as part of archaeology month on March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm there will be a presentation by Doctor Robert Austin. He stated that Doctor Austin helped organize the non-profit organization whose goal is to promote and facilitate long term archaeology research. He stated that Doctor Austin is going to discuss this project and

education in general on archaeology. He then stated Doctor Austin credentials. He stated that he hoped to see the Board at the presentation.

### **CA-3-16: – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: 206 DOWNING STREET**

Mr. Mathen reviewed staffs' findings and stated that staff recommends **approval** of a Certificate of Appropriateness, for the removal of the store front glass and installation of new decking with the following conditions:

1. Any other exterior modifications, demolitions or new construction in the future would need to come before this Commission to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness.
2. All other applicable regulations are complied with.
3. A building permit is obtained with-in 90 days of this approval.

Ms. Russell asked what they are going to do with the door.

Mr. Mathen stated that they are going to remove the door and bring it back to what it previously was with an open front porch.

Linda Reichard, 206 Downing Street, stated that she was just looking for approval from the Board.

**Motion made by Ms. Mayo, seconded by Ms. Gillespie, to approve the certificate of appropriateness with the following conditions:**

- 1. Any other exterior modifications, demolitions or new construction in the future would need to come before this Commission to apply for a Certificate of Appropriateness.**
- 2. All other applicable regulations are complied with.**
- 3. A building permit must be obtained with-in 90 days of this approval.**

**Motion passed unanimously on roll call vote, 6-0.**

### **COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF**

Mr. Mathen stated that staff had only received two commercial applications and no residential for the Donnadine Miller preservation award so staff decided to extend the deadline to February 26<sup>th</sup>. He stated that staff sent out another mail out to the historic districts. He stated that staff planned on bringing the applications to their March meeting for their recommendation for the award. He stated that staff hopes to order the plaque and then present it at a City Commission meeting in March for historic preservation month.

Ms. Gillespie asked if there were any ideas on how to get more participation.

Mr. Mathen stated that staff mailed out over 600 flyers.

Chairperson Bennett stated that possibly new residents are moving in and just don't know about it.

Ms. Mayo stated that word of mouth is the best way to get it out there.

Ms. Russell asked if there was any signage in the shops on Flagler Avenue or Canal Street.

Mr. Mathen stated that the posters are only at the museum and the applications are at City Hall.

Ms. Russell asked if we can do put them in the shops.

Mr. Mathen stated that we can check to see if we can do that but it's a little late for this year.

Ms. Mayo stated that maybe we could get the information to the realtors.

Mr. Mathen stated that all the realtors in the district received a flyer.

Ms. Russell stated that it would be a good thing to take to the Board of Realtors.

Ms. Maddox stated that the City Commission approved moving forward with the acquisition of the First Baptist Church and to apply for ECHO grants that will be submitted at the end of this month so hopefully we will be able to purchase the church and move forward.

Mr. Mathen introduced Ms. Maddox to the Board.

Ms. Maddox stated that the city will be keeping the weeping mortar part of the structure and demolish the rest of the church. She stated that there are plans for additional parking there and working on a partnership with the museum so they will have some meeting and exhibit space because they have outgrown their building.

The Board welcomed Ms. Maddox.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.