

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2016

The Historic New Smyrna Beach Preservation Commission held a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 9, 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
Jean Mayo
NoraJane Gillespie
Timmy Ann Russell
Virginia Schow

John Coffin and Kay Matheny were absent. Also present were Planner Robert Mathen; Leisure Services Director Nancy Maddox; Board Secretary Tammy Dickerson and members of the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Mayo, seconded by Ms. Schow, to approve the minutes of the regular February 10, 2016 Historic Preservation Commission meeting as amended. Motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote, 5-0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Robert Redd, New Smyrna Beach Museum of History, stated his name then addressed the Board. He stated that Ms. Matheny had neck surgery and will probably be out 30-60 days for that and this is the reason she isn't here tonight at the meeting.

Sarah Bennett, 2615 Crestwood Avenue, stated her name for the record then addressed the Board. She stated that she wanted to update the Board that nor she or Dot Moore have heard from the property owner that the Board issued a waiver for. She stated that advocacy day was March 1st and the museum was represented by Dot Moore and it went very well. She stated that there were 9 organizations present, about 12-15 people representing archaeology throughout the State of Florida and about 170 people visiting the various tables so hopefully it will be bigger next year and the participants will know better next year what to expect. She stated that house bill 803 and the senate bill 1054 are not dead yet the legislative session ends March 11th. She stated that there was a scare last week where part of the language was included in another bill but it has since been removed. She then discussed some speakers that would be coming to the museum. She stated that she will be doing pop up archaeology traveling around town and will be at the museum this coming weekend with a table to introduce the community to basic archaeology.

The Board thanked Ms. Bennett for accepting the Historic Preservation Award from the City Commission.

CA-4-16: – CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS: 402 RUSH STREET

Mr. Mathen reviewed staffs' findings and stated that staff recommends **approval** of a Certificate of Appropriateness, for the installation of the new roof truss system, metal roof coverings, and installation of a new rear porch 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 120 days of this approval.

Ms. Mayo stated that she felt it was a good improvement and the improvements fit in with the neighborhood.

Motion made by Ms. Mayo, seconded by Ms. Schow, 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 120 days of this approval.**

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

SCORING APPLICANTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DONNADINE MILLER PRESERVATION AWARD

Mr. Mathen showed a power point presentation to the Board with pictures of the non-residential and residential structures.

a. Non-Residential

Susan Rittger, 313 Julia Street applicant, stated her name then addressed the Board. She stated that they have been improving the property since they purchased it and feel it is now a compliment to the city.

Randy Stevens stated that he was here with Mark King and they building goes back to 1927 and continually used as a Masonic Lodge.

Mark King stated that this building was built as a Masonic temple in 1927 and completed in 1928. He stated that we are trying to keep it in the condition of which it was built and it is ascetically pleasing.

Ms. Mayo stated that she believes the point of the preservation award is that when you see the building today it looks like it did when it was built and any improvements today are done in the same style as when the building was built and the look of the building is being preserved.

Ms. Gillespie stated that she didn't know how the Masonic Lodge fit in to the categories of non-residential and residential she stated it's a lodge not residential or commercial.

Ms. Mayo stated that the category is non-residential not commercial and that they would fit in that category.

The Board did the voting on the non-residential properties and the following were the results:

1st Place- 300 North Riverside Drive- Total 265

Historic- 140
Community- 85
Charm- 40

2Nd Place- 519 Washington Street -Total 225

Historic-115
Community- 80
Charm-30

3rd Place- 916 South Riverside Drive- Total 190

Historic-80
Community- 75
Charm-35

4th Place- 313 Julia Street- Total 177

Historic-85
Community-65
Charm-27

5th Place- 405 Canal Street- Total 90

Historic-45
Community-25
Charm-20

b. Residential

1st Place- 317 Magnolia Street- Total 290

Historic- 145
Community-95
Charm-50

2nd Place- 213 Washington Street- Total 210

Historic- 105
Community- 65
Charm-40

3rd Place- 212 Murray Street- Total 175

Historic- 80
Community- 50
Charm- 45

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSION MEMBERS AND CITY STAFF

Mr. Mathen stated that Garbordy historical mile marker has been applied for through the Florida Historic Division of Resources which will be decided at their regular scheduled meeting in June. He stated that if we are selected then we will then apply for a grant for the funding of the mile marker.

Ms. Russell asked if staff will send out letters to the applicants for the Donnadine Miller award letting them know the results.

Mr. Mathen stated that each applicant receives a letter encouraging any applicants that did not win to apply again next year and the winner will receive a letter with the date on which to come to the City Commission meeting to accept their plaque. He stated that next year the applications will be mailed out sooner for the awards.

Ms. Gillespie asked about the repairs to the grave on Canova Drive and the walkover at the park on Myrtle Street.

Mr. Mathen stated that the requests for repairs were sent to the Maintenance Operations Department but there is no funding right now for these repairs. He stated that possibly grants could be applied for with City Commission approval.

Ms. Maddox stated that the Maintenance Operations Director Ms. Miller has done a Parks Master Plan and the bridge is on that plan to be repaired. She stated that the ECHO grants have been submitted for the church and will be up for review April 19TH. She stated that the funding for this year from the legislature for cultural and historical programs and grants if all goes well is \$45 Million which is less than last year but still a substantial amount. She stated that it doesn't fund all the special category but it does fund all the cultural facilities and small matching grants for Historic Preservation.

Mr. Mathen stated that Dot Moore is working on a report for 409 Magnolia Street that is under construction. He stated that we already received the reports for the houses on Riverside Drive they are in the files.

Ms. Maddox stated that we are going to invite to a meeting all the non-profit organizations Chairs and Directors in the city to talk about the 250th celebration in 2018 for the Turnbull Celebration.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24pm.