

REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

January 17, 2012

Minutes for the Regular Historic Preservation Board for the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., in Room 149B, City Hall, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Board members present were as follows:

Mrs. Patricia Drago (Chair)
Mr. Brian Fredley
Mrs. Deb Korfage-Amborn
Mr. Matthew Romanik (Vice Chair)
Mr. Warren Trager
Mr. Lionurd Tynes

Board members absent were as follows:

Ms. Satra Ahmadzadeh
Mr. Harold Cardwell
Dr. Leonard Lempel

Staff members present:

Mr. Tom Weitnauer, Principal Planner
Ben Gross, Assistant City Attorney

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Patricia Drago, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Mr. Tom Weitnauer called the roll and noted members present as listed above.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no corrections or additions.

4. Approval of the Minutes: December 13, 2011

Mr. Trager asked who the name “Julia” on page 4 was referring to. Mr. Weitnauer replied since the meeting, he understood the person Board members were referencing was Julie Scofield, and that he will correct the name.

Motion: To approve the minutes, with amendments, of January 17, 2012.

Made by: Warren Trager

Seconded by: Brian Fredley

All in favor: Motion carries. (5-0), Mr. Romanik arrived after the Minutes were approved.

5. Discussion Item

Respond to Request by the Heritage Preservation Trust for a Letter of Support

Mr. Weitnauer reported the Heritage Preservation Trust recently spoke with Chair Drago and requested a letter of support from the City of Daytona Beach Historic Preservation Board. The Trust requests a letter of support from the Board to attach to the Trust's application for an emergency ECHO grant in the amount of \$450,000 to acquire property at 1000 S. Peninsula Dr. known as the Hotchkiss-Mather House. If the Board approves providing a letter of support, the letter would not involve a commitment, financial or otherwise, from the City. The house is scheduled for auction in March 2012.

Mr. Gross stated that Historic Preservation Board members who are also members of the Heritage Preservation Trust may vote on the letter of support and that there is no conflict of interest.

Mr. Weitnauer handed out a draft letter for the Board's review which had been previously reviewed by Chair Drago. Ben Gross suggested changing a word in the last sentence from 'infer' to 'imply.'

Dr. Nancy Long, President of the Heritage Preservation Trust, presented a summary of the opportunity available to acquire the property and use it as an extension of the current activities at their adjacent Lilian Place facility as well as describing ideas for additional uses.

Motion: To approve the Letter of Support, with the revision noted.

Made by: Warren Trager

Seconded by: Lionurd Tynes

All in favor: Motion carries. (6-0)

6. Other Business

Heritage Preservation Trust Liaison

Mr. Trager provided a report of the Heritage Preservation Trust's recent activities.

Halifax Heritage Byways and Trails

Mr. Romanik provided a report of the Halifax Heritage Byways and Trails' recent activities and stated the Byway eligibility document is completed and will be submitted to the State of Florida.

7. Staff Update

The Board and Staff discussed plans for the March 20 meeting with property owners of Surfside Historic District. Mr. Weitnauer stated he has not completed the new residential guidelines as part of the draft Surfside Historic Design Guidelines but stated he will have it for them in the February agenda package to allow Board members to review and comment in advance of the March 20 Surfside property owners meeting. The Board stated it will be very important to have that part of the work ready before the March meeting.

As previously requested by the Board, Mr. Weitnauer stated he met with Julie Scofield, Volusia County's Historic Preservation Office, at her office in Deland today and asked whether she would be interested and available to speak briefly at the March 20 meeting. Mr. Weitnauer stated Ms. Scofield clarified that the City of Deland's success in downtown revitalization was due more to their Main Street program Ms. Scofield administered than to their historic zoning program, which was added fairly recently. Mr. Weitnauer recalled his understanding of what Ms. Scofield stated was that the City worked to recruit businesses and encourage building improvements twenty years ago by not having additional steps to go through in improving buildings. Mr. Weitnauer asked Board members with this knowledge, would they want to invite Ms. Scofield to speak at the Surfside property owners' meeting as her talk wouldn't be as relevant in the City of Daytona Beach's approach of the Board's interest in historic overlay zoning. Mr. Weitnauer recalls that he thinks Ms. Scofield practiced historic zoning for the City of Orlando and perhaps she could reference her work there. The Board maintained they would like to invite Ms. Scofield to speak at the March 20 meeting. Mr. Weitnauer stated he would be back in touch with Ms. Schofield to confirm whether she would be interested and available to speak at the March 20 meeting.

Mr. Weitnauer stated the Board also asked him to also contact Michael Zimny at the Florida Department of State, Division of Historical Resources, to inquire whether he could attend and speak at the March 20 meeting. Mr. Weitnauer stated he will call and ask Mr. Zimny if he could participate in the meeting, but said during an earlier CLG workshop in Orlando, Mr. Zimny said his office doesn't have a travel budget and that would likely still be the answer. Mr. Trager asked if the State doesn't have any money for travel, would the City be able to pay for it. Mr. Weitnauer responded it is his understanding the Historic Preservation Board doesn't have a budget. Mr. Trager said if the State doesn't have any money to help with Mr. Zimny's travel to let him know and he will call the State to discuss as he has called them before. The Board and Staff briefly discussed the grant budget associated with the conference.

8. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

9. Board Comments

There were no additional comments.

10. Adjourn

There being no further actions to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



PATRICIA DRAGO
Chair

ATTEST:



TOM WEITNAUER
Principal Planner