

## REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

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Minutes for the Regular Historic Preservation Board meeting for the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida

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Board Members present were as follows:

Mr. Robert Fort, Chair  
Dr. Andrei Ludu  
Mr. Dallas Peacock  
Dr. Deborah Wise

Board Members absent were as follows:

Mr. Roman Yurkiewicz, Vice Chair  
Mr. James Daniels  
Mr. Brian Fredley  
Dr. Daniel Stotland  
Mr. Warren Trager

Staff members present:

Mr. Doug Gutierrez, Principal Planner  
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney  
Ms. Becky Groom, Board Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Fort called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Mr. Gross stated since there was not a quorum, Board members could discuss items but no official action could be taken.

2. **Roll Call**

Ms. Groom called the roll and noted members present as stated above.

3. **Approval of the Minutes**

No action was taken on the approval of the minutes due to a lack of a quorum.

Ms. Wise stated two corrections need to be made to the minutes; one to correct her name and one to change the sentence in the first paragraph for the Item 4 discussion to read "Mr. Gutierrez stated he has been *unable* to speak with the property owner . . ."

4. **Discussion Item:** Preservation Award – S. Ridgewood Elementary (747 Building)

Mr. Gutierrez stated he has been unable to speak with the owner of the 747 Building. Mr. Gutierrez stated he will contact Mark Dowst who was the engineer on the project to see if he is able to provide contact information regarding the property owner.

5. **Discussion Item:** Preservation Award – Halifax Historical Society

Mr. Fort stated a draft of the proposed plaque is included as part of the packet.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he would like to receive input from Mr. Trager but he is not in attendance this evening.

Mr. Fort suggested waiting until Mr. Trager is in attendance before proceeding with this item.

6. **Discussion Item:** High School History Essay Project

Mr. Fort stated this item was discussed at the previous meeting; and Dr. Stotland proposed a report or project regarding the history of Daytona Beach.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he would like to invite a teacher from Mainland High School to come to talk to the Board about typical projects such as what is proposed and how what is proposed could be modified in order to encourage high school students to participate. Mr. Gutierrez stated typically such projects are limited to seniors in high school. Mr. Gutierrez asked if the Board would like to limit participation to students in Daytona Beach.

Dr. Wise asked what the Board's goal is for this project. Dr. Wise stated the project could be coupled with a movement to bring more awareness to the architecture in Daytona Beach and would also bring more visibility to the Board. Dr. Wise asked if the project will be limited to students studying certain things. Dr. Wise stated this project would be for next school year so students would receive applications in February, 2019 and the scholarship would be awarded in June, 2019.

Dr. Wise stated this project could also be used to create a historic research library or a resource of vendors who work on historic projects.

Mr. Fort stated Dr. Wise's suggestion is that if someone had a historical home that they wanted to renovate, the property owner could contact the Historic

Preservation Board who would have a listing of vendors and tradesmen who have worked on similar projects.

Dr. Wise asked if someone wanted to be included in that resource catalog, would they have to pay to have their name added to the listing.

Dr. Wise asked if the Board conducts historic tours, can the Board sell tickets.

Dr. Wise asked if someone owns a building that is historical, could the property owner purchase a historical plaque to display on the property.

Dr. Wise stated these items could raise money that could be used for other projects, such as granting scholarships.

Mr. Peacock asked if the project would be limited to high school students or could current college students participate in the program.

Dr. Wise stated an article about the project should be placed in the newspaper by someone who regularly publishes articles about the history of Daytona Beach.

Mr. Gross stated he will have to research some of the points raised by Dr. Wise but noted that because of the Sunshine Law, the Board could not conduct walking tours of historic buildings.

Mr. Peacock stated there are historic neighborhoods along Palmetto and on the beachside as well as historic commercial buildings along Ridgewood but stated he is not sure that people would want tours going through their neighborhoods. Mr. Peacock stated an inventory could be made of the historic buildings.

Mr. Gutierrez stated there is an inventory of the historic properties, which he has.

Dr. Wise asked if anyone has interviewed any of the owners of the historic buildings to ask who the property owners worked with in doing renovation work to their buildings so an inventory could be made of contractors who worked on those projects.

Mr. Fort stated based on the legal restrictions under which the Board must operate, he did not know if the Board could be involved in creating such an inventory.

Mr. Gross stated the Board's authority is listed in the Land Development Code. Mr. Gross stated since some of the responsibilities of the Board is to review Certificates of Appropriateness, he is concerned about the appearance of the Board having a list of recommended vendors that could do a certain type of work.

Mr. Peacock stated parameters would have to be established to receive a scholarship, such as possibly documenting historic buildings. Mr. Peacock stated he feels the scholarship should be limited to Daytona Beach students and not open to student's County wide.

Dr. Wise asked what the goal will be of the scholarship - is it to promote Daytona Beach or to promote higher education.

Mr. Fort stated he feels the goal is awareness and does not feel the course of study should be limited, as long as it is studied at a Daytona Beach campus.

Mr. Peacock stated he feels the goal would also be financial.

Mr. Gutierrez stated having a history teacher involved would help determine what would motivate the students to participate.

Mr. Peacock stated the media needs to be made aware of the project in order to help promote it and Mark Lane from the News Journal would be someone who could help promote it. Mr. Peacock stated Mr. Lempel is very knowledgeable of the area's history and perhaps he could assist in promoting the project.

Mr. Gross stated Mr. Lempel used to serve on the Historic Preservation Board.

Dr. Wise asked if large developers in the community, such as Minto and ICI, could donate money to support the project since they will be part of the history of the architecture of the community in the future.

Mr. Gross stated he did not see any reason why the Board could not solicit donations but someone else would have to administer the funds. Mr. Gross stated the City Manager or his designee would have to determine how those funds would be handled.

Mr. Gutierrez suggested involving the Halifax Historical Society, which is a part of the Museum of Arts and Sciences, since they might be able to help with fundraising.

Dr. Wise stated the Halifax Historical Society could help with conducting tours.

Mr. Peacock stated there are two historic homes in the area, Lillian Place and Hotchkiss House, that could also be involved in the process.

Mr. Gutierrez asked if the Board would like to hear from the history teacher at the next meeting.

Dr. Wise stated she feels it is too early in the discussion for the teacher's participation.

Mr. Peacock stated he agreed with Dr. Wise.

Mr. Fort stated it would be interesting to hear from the history teacher at some point.

Dr. Wise stated regarding the criteria for the award, the Board needs to come up with a question, such as what would a historic building look like in the future.

Mr. Gutierrez stated this item will be on the agenda for the September meeting.

**Other Business:**

- a. Heritage Preservation Trust Report: Mr. Trager, Liaison

Mr. Trager was not in attendance to make a report on this item.

8. **Staff Update**

Mr. Gutierrez stated members of the Seabreeze Historic District have discussed wayfinding signage for the Seabreeze Historic District. Mr. Gutierrez stated there is no funding available for signage.

Mr. Fort stated there was previously a sign for the Seabreeze Historic District and the sign is listed on the Seabreeze Historic District website. Mr. Fort stated the members of the District would like the City to replace the sign.

9. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

10. **Board Comments**

There were no additional Board comments.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

  
Becky Groom  
Recording Secretary

  
Robert Fort  
Chair

ROR