

City of Sanibel

800 Dunlop Road Sanibel, FL 33957

Meeting Minutes - Final Historical Preservation Committee

Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:00 AM

MacKenzie Hall - 800 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting convened at 9:05 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gleason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Committee Member Deborah Gleason, Committee Member Patricia Norton, Committee

Member Emilie Alfino, Committee Member Ariel Hoover and Committee Member Mary

Jurgens

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Yvonne Hill and Committee Member Steven Lundin

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s): Committee Member Yvonne Hill

Chair Gleason advised Ms. Hill would be absent due to a family emergency.

Committee Member Jurgens moved, seconded by Committee Member Hoover, to excuse absent Committee Member Hill and Committee Member Lundin.

Discussion ensued regarding only excusing members that had notified they would be absent.

Vice Chair Norton moved, seconded Committee Member Alfino, to amend the motion to only excuse Committee Member Hill. The motion to amend carried.

Absent: 2 - Committeemember Yvonne Hill and Committeemember Steven Lundin

Vice Chair Norton moved, seconded by Committee Member Hoover, to excuse Committee Member Hill. The motion carried as amended.

Excused: 1 - Committeemember Yvonne Hill

Absent: 1 - Committeemember Steven Lundin

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of December 5, 2024 Minutes

5. Public Comment

There were no public comment from the audience.

6. Old Business

7. New Business

a. Historical Preservation Committee 2024 Drafted Annual Report

Discussion ensued regarding the status of the heritage trail panels.

8. Sanibel Historical Museum and Village Report from Executive Director Pam Miner

Executive Director Miner provided a brief report:

- 411 attendees
- Two Shell Point outreaches held with 170 participants
- Deck the Shore on December 6, 2024, had 282 participants attend
- Volunteer program is up and running and there were 264 volunteered hours through the year
- Annual membership mailing
- re-instated \$15 admission fees and hours
- re-instated group tours
- Programming and Events
- * Twilight Talks
- * Annual Fundraiser on February 18, 2025
- Project WOW
- *Enhancements to Bailey's
- *New Exterior interpreter signs
- * Conversation with the Schoolhouse enhancements have begun.

Ms. Miner spoke to items that were donated from the Mayer Family.

- Book collections
- *Wildlife drive
- *Come on Tuesday
- *Dictionary on reptiles
- Sanibel Plan
- Growing Native, Sanibel Report, Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Artifacts:
- * Dining Room table and chairs
- * "I believe in Sanibel Tomorrow" pin
- * Matchbook from Coconut Grove Restaurant
- * Ticket to Pirate Playhouse
- * Credit card to Maas Brothers
- * Artillery Shell
- * Shell from Bowman's Beach
- * Glass bottle

Discussion ensued regarding having a similar set of books at the Library. Ms. Miner spoke to doing a presentation at the Library on January 7, 2025 at 10 a.m. Committee Members complimented the new signage at the Village.

Committee Members inquired about the status of the Rutland Home. Ms. Miner advised that discussion of repairs are in the works.

9. Reports

a. Planning Staff Liaison Report

Principal Planner Kim Ruiz advised that funding was budgeted to contract with ACI to keep the lighthouse on the National Historical Registry. Discussion ensued regarding who provides the registry plaque. Ms. Ruiz will look into getting that plaque and a few others.

b. Chairperson's Report

Chair Gleason thanked Ms. Ruiz for drafting the annual report. Discussion ensued regarding appointments being annually.

Ms. Gleason spoke to reading the books "Unknown Story" by Florence Fritz, "Seashell Islands" by Elinore Dormer, and "Sanibel Story" by Betty Anholt and encouraged the members to read them. She further spoke to working with the city to develop a historic program on First Responders on April 2nd at BIG ARTS. She recommended reading "Policing Paradise" prior to the event.

Finally, she recommended the Members provide reports relating to the different historical sites around the island.

c. Committee Member Report

Committee Member Norton spoke to the Art Festival on February 15-16 at the Community House.

10. Next Meeting Date

a. Next Meeting Date March 6, 2025

11. Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

12. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 A.M.