



**Meeting Minutes - Draft**  
**Historical Preservation Committee**

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Thursday, August 1, 2024

9:00 AM

BIG ARTS - 900 Dunlop Road

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**1. Call To Order**

The meeting convened at 9:04 a.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**Present:** 3 - Chairperson Deborah Gleason, Vice Chair Patricia Norton and Committee Member Steven Lundin

**Absent:** 4 - Committee Member Emilie Alfino, Committee Member Yvonne Hill, Committee Member Ariel Hoover and Committee Member Mary Jurgens

- a. Motion to excuse absent member(s): Mary Jurgens

**Vice Chair Norton moved, seconded by Committee member Lundin to excuse absent members: Mary Jurgens, Emilie Alfino, Yvonne Hill, and Ariel Hoover. The motion carried.**

**Absent:** 4 - Committeemember Emilie Alfino, Committeemember Yvonne Hill, Committeemember Ariel Hoover and Committeemember Mary Jurgens

**4. Lighthouse Beach Park Design Discussion with Kimley Horn**

Principal Planner and Staff Liaison Kim Ruiz introduced Bill Widel and David Irvin, representatives from Kimley Horn.

The two representatives spoke to their professional background and offered information on previously completed projects. Mr. Widel explained that Kimley-Horn is projected to work with City on the design of Lighthouse Beach Park. Creating a conceptual plan with input by the community and other stakeholders.

Chair Gleason spoke to concerns with erosion and spoke positively of the work done thus far to protect the roadways around the lighthouse as well as the lighthouse itself.

The representatives spoke additionally to implementation of historical information and getting visitors involved and inspired by the history of the site in tasteful ways.

Discussion ensued regarding uses of the cistern brick that was remaining from the Lighthouse Cottages after Hurricane Ian. The possibility to create planters or something better to be used on the site. As well as if the brick could be stored for

later use should the project commence.

Discussion continued regarding the rebuilding of the Lighthouse Cottages, utilizing the site that exists. Mr. Widel spoke to concerns for storm surge, not giving up completely on the shoreline, but plantings and other nature to embrace the floodable nature of the area. Continued discussion was had on impacts with erosion and sea level rise. Committee members discussed preserving elements and the possibility of storing preserved items off-island for future rebuilding.

The representatives asked for any additional questions and concluded with their experience in designing coastal parks as well as larger parks.

The committee members discussed implementing some kind of pavilion or teaching moment in the park to detail history of the area.

Eric Jackson, the City's Public Information Officer spoke to this being the very early in the process and is attending to gather information put forward by the Committee.

## 5. Consent Agenda

- a. Adoption of the July 11, 2024, meeting minutes

Discussion ensued regarding formatting.

## 6. Public Comment

Public Comment:  
- Holly Smith - concerns for Quorum

Staff confirmed the by-laws state quorum is 3.

## 7. Sanibel Historical Museum and Village Report from Interim Director Jan Symroski

Jan Symroski, Interim Executive Director noted this would be her last meeting and provided a brief report. Attendance is winding down at the museum and today marks the first day of the seasonal closure of the Village. Ms. Symroski concluded her report with the new director scheduled to attend the September meeting.

## 8. Reports

- a. Planning Staff Liaison

Planner Ruiz presented a powerpoint update of the Priscilla Murphy Center included in the agenda packet. Discussion ensued regarding the mimiced brick from the original

structure, the newer drive-thru route, as well as the open air porch. Discussion moved on to the Heritage Trail panels. Ms. Ruiz noted that staff had transcribed the panels for working documents of the signage to better provide edits at a subsequent meeting.

Committee members inquired about the work on the Sanibel Plan. Ms. Ruiz noted bringing this item back after the Heritage Trail update.

Ms. Ruiz concluded her report in regards to new staff in the department, as well as locating the digitally designed Heritage Trail panels for re-printing with Sable Signs. It being a well made product, holding up after many storms and years of sun exposure.

**b. Chairperson's Report**

Chair Gleason spoke to the quickly approaching 50th anniversary of the City and encouraged all to attend.

**c. Committeemember Report**

Vice Chair Norton reported regarding St. Michaels Episcopal Church celebrating the for the 50th anniversary in conjunction with the Sanibel businesses of the Bell Tower Shoppes.

**9. Next Meeting Date**

Chair Gleason noted the next meeting date is September 5th.

**a. Thursday, September 5, 2024 at BIG ARTS**

**10. Public Comment**

No public were in attendance at this time.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.