



Meeting Minutes - Draft
Historical Preservation Committee

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:00 AM

BIG ARTS - 900 Dunlop Road

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order 9:08 A.M.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Gleason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Present: 5 - Emilie Alfino, Deborah Gleason, Yvonne Hill, Ariel Hoover and Patricia Norton

Excused: 2 - Mary Jurgens and Steven Lundin

a. Motion to excuse absent member(s):

Committeemember Hill moved, seconded by Vice Chair Norton to excuse absent members: Lundin and Jurgens. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Mary Jurgens and Committeemember Steven Lundin

4. Consent Agenda

a. Adoption of the April 4, 2024 meeting minutes

Committeemember Alfino moved, seconded by Committeemember Hill to adopt the April 4, 2024 meeting minutes. The motion carried.

Excused: 2 - Committeemember Mary Jurgens and Committeemember Steven Lundin

5. Public Comment

None in attendance

6. Sanibel Historical Museum and Village Report by Interim Director Jan Symroski

Chair Gleason briefly updated the Committee regarding the Executive Director position at the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village (SHMV). Ms. Jan Symroski had recently become the interim Executive Director and hopes to have her update the Committee at the next meeting. Ms. Gleason additionally spoke to her appreciation for the former Executive Director, Mark Harmon for the work and knowledge he provided to the SHMV. She concluded with the announcement of Ms. Pam Minor to

step into the position of Executive Director. Ms. Minor had formerly worked at the Heritage Museum in Jacksonville, and is very experienced for the small but impactful museum.

Ms. Gleason spoke briefly for Ms. Symroski regarding the SHMV looking for a Volunteer Coordinator with a background in management of larger community entities like YMCA's and other activity based recreational and attraction facilities.

Chair Gleason provided a report on behalf of Ms. Symroski as follows:

- Hopeful to conduct final inspections for safety at Ms. Charlotta's Tea Room
- School House projected to open after Ms. Charlotta's Tea Room
- The SHMV taking donations in lieu of admissions (exceeding what would have been made in admissions)
- Opening for Summer hours, May - October
- 318 in attendance for April (35 were children)
- Seeking volunteers for committees, store shifts, and, events
- The SHMV Board voting next month on whether to accept donations on behalf of the City (In years past, the City asked to limit donations due to space limitations)

7. New Business

a. National Park Service Sustainability, Energy Efficiency, Resilience and Historic Buildings

Principal Planner and Staff Liaison, Kim Ruiz spoke to informational emails she receives from the National Parks Service including a link that could be of interest to the Committee. Topics such as restoration, preservation, maintenance and other best practices for historical preservation are included on the site.

Committeemember Alfino suggested sending the link to the president of the Historical Museum and Board.

8. Old Business

a. Heritage Trail Panel Review

Chair Gleason noted the Committee's appreciation for Ms. Alfino's skills and knowledge regarding updating the panels.

Vice Chair Norton noted her changes in red on the provided documents, which were later updated to the record.

The Committee discussed edits to the panels as follows:

- Adding information regarding the Sanibel Sea School to the Conservation panel
- Adding information related to sport and recreational fishing, a cannery on the island

- and a leather maker who made leather from shark skins
- Changing the Worship panel to Churches of Historical Interest
- Adding informational QR codes with photos, videos, or more textual information
- Adding coyotes, gopher tortoise, flamingos, rice rats and others to the Wildlife panel

Discussion ensued regarding the color of the panels, changing the font, as well as using bold and various size fonts to enhance the signage.

Ms. Ruiz spoke to communications with Sanibel Signs for panels replacements and stands. As well as looking for digital file for editing the panels. She additionally spoke to grant funding for this project, low cost but would be good for the City to have the costs covered by FEMA grant funding.

Discussion ensued regarding gathering additional photos at the Sanibel Library, and including information on the Architectural panel regarding Sears homes and other kit like structures -comparing them to the modern day modular home. Ms. Alfino spoke to the panels being later discussed on the Planning Commission level in regards to the Shared Use Path Shared Use Master Plan update.

9. Reports

a. Planning Staff Liaison Report

Ms. Ruiz spoke to the hiring of Archaeologist Consulting Inc. (ACI) to look at the artifacts regarding the lighthouse post hurricane Ian. Field work had been completed and ACI will be at the site next month to later present options and findings from lighthouse areas at a subsequent meeting. A few pieces were flagged that they will be giving their recommendations on. The foundation was found for the Oil House at foot of the lighthouse and ACI will make further recommendations for that at the next meeting.

Discussion ensued regarding the goal to get panels done to move on to Sanibel Plan Historical element. Ms. Ruiz wanted to make the committee aware that if dumpsters are seen around The School House for Colored Children a permit was secured and work will be starting soon.

b. Chairperson's Report

Chair Gleason spoke to encouraging other properties to join the Historical Preservation listing, all while educating new owners on historical value of the island.

c. Committeemember Reports

No other reports to add.

10. Next Meeting Date

- a. Thursday, June 6, 2024 at BIG ARTS

11. Public Comment

None in attendance.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.