



## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Historical Preservation Committee

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Thursday, February 2, 2023

9:00 AM

BIG ARTS - 900 Dunlop Rd

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#### 1. Call To Order

Chair Gleason called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

#### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

#### 3. Roll Call

**Present:** 6 - Chairperson Deborah Gleason, Committee Member Leslie Adams, Committee Member Yvonne Hill, Committee Member Patricia Norton, Committee Member Jim Pickens and Committee Member Troy Thompson

**Absent:** 3 - Vice Chair Clivie Goodwin, Committee Member Sheila Fortney and Committee Member Zachary McLendon

##### a. Motion to Excuse Absent Members:

**Committee Member Pickens moved, seconded by Committee Member Norton to excuse absent members: Fortney, McLendon, and Goodwin. The motion carried.**

**Excused:** 3 - Vice Chair Goodwin, Committee Member Fortney and Committee Member McLendon

#### 4. Consent Agenda

##### a. Adoption of Minutes - January 5, 2023

**Committee Member Norton moved, seconded by Committee Member Adams to adopt the January 5th, 2023 minutes. The motion carried.**

**Excused:** 3 - Vice Chair Goodwin, Committee Member Fortney and Committee Member McLendon

#### 5. Public Comment

There were no public comments from the audience.

#### 6. City Council Liaison Report (Vice Mayor Johnson)

Vice Mayor Johnson thanked the Committee for their service and attendance at today's meeting. Mr. Johnson noted Director Alfino's retirement from the Historical Museum and Village, and noted she would work with the organization while a new candidate was selected for the role of Director. He briefly gave a report on the City's recovery efforts from the effects of Hurricane Ian.

## 7. Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc.

### a. Acquisitions - Emily Alfino

Chair Gleason spoke to communications with Director Alfino detailing the acquisition of a lighting fixture from the Algiers River Boat.

### b. Monthly Report - Emily Alfino

Director Alfino was not in attendance, there was no report provided.

## 8. New Business

- a. Consideration of an application by the Historic Preservation Committee to provide a recommendation to the Planning Commission regarding the requested demolition of the White Heron House located at 6019 Clam Bayou Lane (Tax Parcel No.11-46-21-T3-0050B.0020). The application is submitted by Annabel Betz, the owner. **Application CA-2023-122**

Chair Gleason introduced the item and gave a brief history of the building.

Craig Chandler, Planning Supervisor, gave a brief introduction of the item and summarized the report, page 4 recommends that the home on the register be allowed to apply for a demolition permit given the extensive damage of the home after Hurricane Ian. Mr. Chandler noted the options for the owners and the committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the damages to the home. Committee Member Norton inquired about the level of damages of other historical homes and whether this is going to be an ongoing pattern after a storm. Mr. Chandler noted the opportunity for other homes to enter the register after the storm.

Chair Gleason thanked Ms. Ruiz for her thoroughness and spoke to recruiting more homes to add to the register.

Discussion ensued regarding insurance for commercial historical, vs. private home owners, the level of damage to the home, looking for alternatives for demolition, allowance for building in the same footprint and the permissions and benefits of being on the historical register. Discussion continued regarding the logistics of the sale of the property, the benefits of being on the register when it comes to re-developing the property, and the process for demolition should a historical home wish to sell or rebuild.

Public Comment:

- Roy Gibson

Discussion ensued regarding the previous ruling on the Nutt Home, between the

Planning Commission and the Historical Preservation Committee, site visits, the damage reports included in the packet as well as the insurability of the home.

Discussion continued regarding amending the motion to include Section 98-112 provisions.

Ms. Betz, the property owner commented on the committee's discussion and noted how she came to the resolve to demolish the property.

**Committee Member Thompson moved, seconded by Chair Gleason to approve the recommendation of approval for a Certificate of Appropriateness, allowing for the demolition of the home. The motion carried.**

**Opposed:** 2 - Committee Member Adams and Committee Member Norton

**Excused:** 3 - Vice Chair Goodwin, Committee Member Fortney and Committee Member McLendon

## 9. Reports

### a. Chairperson's Report

Chair Gleason thanked Planner Ruiz for her detailed staff report on the subject property and her report detailing damages on a majority of the Historical Register homes. Chair Gleason additionally spoke to developing a compassionate strategy for those recovering from the damages from Hurricane Ian and recruiting more homes to the register as a means of mitigation.

### b. Planning Department Staff Liaison Report

Craig Chandler, Planning Supervisor noted the PMR building owners have not yet applied for a development permit, but would need a certificate of appropriateness for constructing wheelchair access ramps. Concluding that a majority of the development improvements would be interior and not coming before the Committee or Planning Commission.

Director McMichael noted the Sanibel Community Church has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a total roof replacement.

### c. Committee Member Reports

Committee Member Thompson spoke briefly about preserving the history and artifacts of the Island.

Public Comment:  
- Steve Lundin

Committee Member Hill gave a brief summary regarding the Smithsonian Artifact Recovery program.

## **10. Next Meeting Date**

- a. Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 9 a.m. at B.I.G. Arts

Chair Gleason noted the next meeting will convene on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 9 am.

## **11. Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.