

**MINUTES
HISTORIC LANDMARK PRESERVATION BOARD**

REGULAR MEETING

January 12, 2009

4:00 p.m.

**Ormond Beach City Hall
Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

I. Call To Order

Chairman Dr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Members present were: John Adams, Ann Eifert, Carl Gerken, Geneva Jackson, Sue Parkerson and Dr. Philip Shapiro. Members absent were Michael McQuarrie and Sean O'Sullivan. Staff present was Senior Planner Laureen Kornel, Deputy City Attorney Ann-Margret Emery and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

Dr. Shapiro welcomed Deputy City Attorney Ann-Margret Emery to the City and the Board and asked if she was new to the City.

Ms. Emery stated she has lived in Ormond Beach for quite a few years and was the former assistant City Attorney for Port Orange.

III. Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2008

Ms. Parkerson stated Mr. McQuarrie needed to be added as present at the last meeting.

Mr. Gerken moved seconded by Ms. Parkerson to accept the minutes as amended of the December 15, 2008, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Public Hearing – Certificate of Appropriateness for Demolition – 139 Valencia Drive

Dr. Shapiro opened the Public Hearing

Ms. Kornel stated this was a request by Keith Taylor of the Volusia County Community Assistance office on behalf of property owner Patricia Schoonmaker for a Certificate of Appropriateness to demolish the property located at 139 Valencia Drive. The structure was cracked, failing floor joints, buckling exterior walls, one side of the structure has sunk about 6 inches below the front door threshold. The property was unsafe. There was water damage and a number of interior damage as well. The owner currently resides at the property and a replacement house was being proposed for the site.

Ms. Kornel noted the structure had been modified since originally constructed so there was no architectural style, it was cost prohibitive to rehabilitate the structure to code. She noted there were no plans available at the time, but the County was proposing a single family home for the site. Ms. Kornel pointed out the summary of alternatives and noted staff recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the structure located at 139 Valencia Drive without a period of delay.

Dr. Shapiro noted he saw the structure and noted it was consistent with Staff's report.

Ms. Parkerson noted the garage was in bad shape as well and had a tarp covering the top and asked why it was not going to be demolished, and how long before a new structure would be in place.

Mr. Taylor stated the County did what was necessary to provide a safe home and the garage was not a part of the home. He stated SHIP funds were being used to demolish the property and demolition of the garage was not an option at this time. He stated that the new structure would be built once the demolition process was complete.

Mr. Gerken moved, seconded by Mr. Adams that the Historic Landmark Preservation Board approves the Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the structure located at 139 Valencia Drive without a period of delay. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Henry Arnold, 134 Ormond Parkway, noted the garage and shed needed to be repaired and not left vacant to eliminate vagrancy. He noted he was happy that the property was being demolished.

Ms. Christina Underhay, 135 Valencia Drive, stated she was in favor of the demolition and noted that the new structure would enhance the neighborhood.

Dr. Shapiro closed the Public Hearing.

Ms. Kornel noted after the Certificate of Appropriateness was signed and recorded, there was a 30-day appeal period after notification before the demolition permit was issued.

V. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Dr. Shapiro thanked the Board for their confidence in allowing him to represent them as Chairman over the past year and noted he would be willing to serve again as Chairman.

Dr. Shapiro asked if there were any nominations for Chairman.

Ms. Eifert moved, seconded by Ms. Parkerson to nominate Dr. Shapiro as Chairman. There were no more nominations. The motion passed unanimously. Dr. Shapiro accepted the nomination.

Dr. Shapiro asked whether there were any nominations for Vice-Chair.

Mr. Gerken moved, seconded by Ms. Eifert to nominate Mr. O'Sullivan as Vice-Chair. There were no more nominations. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. O'Sullivan noted at the December meeting that he would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair for the Board.

VI. Discussion Items – Review Orientation Handbook – Update January 12, 2009

Ms. Kornel reviewed the Orientation Handbook and pointed out the meeting schedule and member list. She noted that members can communicate with each other, but not on matters that will come before the Board as Public Hearings. She noted there were a few changes from last year.

Section B listed a summary of the Land Development Code and the key points that pertained to the Board were in Section 2.71. She noted there would be a change shortly because of the additions to the Local Landmark List.

Sections C and D the only change was the separation of Certificate of Appropriateness applications. Alterations and demolitions would be on one application and Landmark designations would be on another application.

Section G listed an updated version of Volusia County endangered properties removing the McCoy property.

Ms. Kornel noted there were no changes to the other sections.

Dr. Shapiro thanked Ms. Kornel for all her hard work in preparing the book. He stated it was a great resource guide, and noted it would be good for the all City boards to have this type of information book.

VII. Member Comments

Local Landmark List

Dr. Shapiro noted the Historical Society has finally heard from the State granting the City of Ormond Beach permission to proceed with adding the Three Chimneys property to the Local Landmark List. He stated the Rose Villa property should also be on the List shortly.

Ms. Kornel noted staff sent a letter to the State requesting permission to add the Three Chimneys property to the list with no response and noted that Dr. Shapiro wrote a follow up letter for the same request which prompted a response.

Ms. Eifert noted the Ormond Beach Historical Society was having an open house on ~~March 2~~ March 22, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and everyone was invited. Tours were available.

Dix House

Ms. Parkerson noted Jewel Swift was having a meeting for the neighbors in her house at 166 Beach Street at 7 p.m., regarding turning the Dix House into a Bed and Breakfast. Anyone was welcome to attend the meeting.

Ms. Kornel noted Brad Myers applied for a special exception which would go before several Boards before a final approval from the City Commission. She noted the Board recently approved the landmark designation.

New Website

Ms. Kornel noted she was working on creating an extensive website for the HLPB. The goal was to have updated photos of all the resources on the Local Landmark List and Lincoln Avenue Overlay District.

Dr. Shapiro stated he would send photos of the Three Chimneys property.

VIII. Public Comments

None

IX. Adjournment – Next Meeting

There were no pending applications so February meeting will most likely be canceled, but the Board would be notified.

The meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman