

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING (HPC)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2016 9:30 A.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

A G E N D A

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) June 9, 2016
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Status of the Historic Plaque
 - B) Letters to Property Owners/Rack Card
 - C) Update on CLG Grant
 - D) NAPC Conference
 - E) Brochure
 - F) Gifford Property
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
- 6. MEMBER'S MATTERS**
- 7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**
- 8. STAFF MATTERS**
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE**
 - A) September 8, 2016
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES (HPC)
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016 9:30 A.M.
UPSTAIRS TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: Vice Chairman Debra Atwell; Members: Jeffery Ray and George Childers **Also Present:** Gayle Lafferty, Planner and Heather McCarty, Records Retention Specialist

Excused Absences: Anna Brady and Deborah Daige

1. CALL TO ORDER

Today's meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) June 9, 2016

Mr. Childers made a motion to approve the June 9, 2016 minutes. Mr. Ray seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Discussion of the Gifford Property

Ms. Atwell thinks the Gifford property house is still for sale. She added that she tried to contact the realtor again but has not had much luck getting information on the property out of anyone. She noted that there are two houses on the property. She said they are not condemned but just boarded up due to a vagrant problem. She said she went through the buildings to inspect them and feels they are salvageable. She pointed out that the building in the back was the first post office. She said that she has been working on a press release, which she handed out a draft copy to the members (on file in the City Clerk's office).

Mr. Childers questioned if the value is listed at \$115,000. Ms. Atwell said that they are asking \$135,000 and they have received offers close to that.

Mr. Childers felt that the buildings on the property are a liability for a number of reasons. He added that they are going to be restricted with what can be done on the property. He feels there is a considerable amount of work and expense to restore them. He suggested moving the houses to a City or County owned piece of property.

Ms. Atwell pointed out that the buildings have been moved once already so they are already kind of portable. She added that it is not cheap to move buildings. She explained that there are federal programs they could apply for to use for the cost of restoration.

Mr. Ray said that he recently received a flyer from Dale Sorenson that showed the property listing at \$129,000.

Ms. Atwell suggested having the Commission possibly visit the property.

Mr. Childers suggested that a prospective buyer could possibly get a tax credit for the donation of the buildings. Ms. Atwell pointed out that Florida does not offer historic tax credits.

The Commission discussed having one of their future meetings at the site. Ms. Atwell felt that would be a way to show their support to the public.

The Commission came to a consensus that they should try and schedule a visit to the property.

Ms. Atwell said that she has a message in to the realtor and will see if the owners would be okay with that occurring. Then she will speak with the City Clerk.

Ms. Atwell handed out a picture of the plaque/medallion (on file in the City Clerk's office). She explained the picture did not have the high bronze finish on it that she wanted but they can change that. She said that they should receive them right away once they order them. She added that she thinks they are looking to unveil them in fall when the population is here.

5. NEW BUSINESS

None

6. MEMBER'S MATTERS

Ms. Atwell talked about the City Marker ceremony and said that she was very pleased with it and thought it was very well done.

Ms. Atwell referred to the letter they had discussed and agreed to send in support of an additional dig at the site of the Ice Age site because of the new evidence they had found. She said they did agree that the letter should be done and asked if that had been done. Ms. Laferty said she was not sure if that has been done. Ms. Atwell said that she would look into that.

Ms. Atwell brought up the letter they talked about sending out that referred to historic architecture.

Mr. Childers questioned if the letter would go out to everyone in the database. He added there is a limitation of funds to do this.

Ms. Atwell felt that the letter would help to influence and educate people by putting the word out. She thought it could spark an interest or make someone look at the City's website. She explained that there is a spillover effect and thinks the letter would have some significance in getting public awareness.

7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

None

8. STAFF MATTERS

None

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

A) August 11, 2016

The next meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2016.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

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