



# City of Venice

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## Meeting Minutes Historic Preservation Board

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Friday, September 18, 2020

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

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### Instructions on How to Watch and/or Participate in the Virtual Meeting

[20-4676](#)

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### I. Call to Order

Ms. Trammell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### II. Roll Call

Mr. Abramson joined the meeting at 9:01 a.m. and Mr. Codella joined the meeting at 9:21 a.m.

**Present** 6 - Frank Codella, Chair Jean Trammell, Franklin Wright, Thomas Cookingham, Benjamin Abramson and Carol Orenstein

### Also Present

Liaison Council Member Richard Cautero, City Clerk Lori Stelzer, Assistant City Attorney David Jackson, Historical Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, and Administrative Coordinator Mercedes Barcia.

### III. Approval of Minutes

[20-4677](#)

Minutes of the August 21, 2020 Regular Meeting

Mr. Jackson referenced Executive Order No. 20-69 issued by Governor DeSantis and Executive Order No. 2020-04 issued by the city regarding public meetings, and commented on public participation in public meetings.

Mr. Wright requested to change the word "including" to "exclude" on page three of the minutes referencing the Architectural Review Board's (ARB)'s jurisdiction to demolish properties in the historic district.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cookingham, that the minutes of the August 21, 2020 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

### IV. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

## V. New Business

[20-4678](#)

Welcome New Board Member Carol Orenstein

Ms. Orenstein introduced herself to the board.

## VI. Public Hearing

[20-4679](#)

Recommend to City Council Listing the Property at 613 W. Venice Avenue on the Local Register of Historic Places (Quasi-judicial)

Ms. Trammell announced this is a quasi-judicial hearing.

Ms. Stelzer advised meeting advertisement was done and no written communication was received.

Ms. Trammell opened the public hearing.

Mr. Jackson questioned board members on conflicts of interest and ex-parte communications. There were no conflicts of interest.

Ms. Stelzer explained site visits are considered ex-parte communications.

Mr. Cookingham disclosed driving by the property and attending a gathering at the house, and confirmed he can make an impartial decision on this matter.

Mr. Klinkhamer, being duly sworn, provided a presentation and spoke regarding nomination criteria, supporting documentation, property history to include primary home owners Fitzhugh and Florence Haensel, and the property's architectural style and features.

Tommye Whittaker, being duly sworn, spoke to protecting historical homes and businesses.

Mr. Codella joined the meeting.

Ms. Stelzer advised Mr. Codella is unable to vote in this matter.

Ms. Trammell closed the public hearing.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Cookingham, that the board accept the application to nominate property on the local register. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Yes** 5 - Chair Trammell, Mr. Wright, Mr. Cookingham, Mr. Abramson and Ms. Orenstein

**Non-Voting** 1 - Mr. Codella

## New Business - Continued

[20-4680](#)

### Benefits of Historic Preservation

Mr. Klinkhamer spoke to benefits of historic preservation to include financial incentives and variances, and responded to board questions regarding trust funds or grants for historic preservation and non-profit organizations in the city that deal with historic preservation.

Discussion followed on partnering with, or forming, a non-profit organization to accept donations and manage funds for historic properties, the board's ability to communicate with non-profit organizations, the city's eligibility to receive Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds, and community development block grants.

Mr. Klinkhamer spoke on the Centennial Fund.

## VII. Unfinished Business

[20-4350](#)

### Board Discussion on Recommended Properties to the Local Register of Historic Places

Ms. Trammell spoke on encouraging property owners to list their property on the local register, focusing on Park Place and Venice Centre Mall structures, and recommended Dorothy Korwek's book "John Nolen Plan of Venice, FL".

[20-4629](#)

### Request an Opportunity to Address City Council on the Subjects of the Current and Proposed Preservation Ordinances, and the Certified Local Government (CLG) Application (Frank Wright)

Mr. Wright spoke regarding proposed historic preservation ordinance, meeting with planning commission to discuss their objections to the ordinance, presenting reasons proposed ordinance is needed to city council, public awareness of historic preservation, and recommended the board prepare a report to council on the need for a new historic preservation ordinance and schedule the ordinance for a public hearing.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Codella, that the board prepare a report to city council regarding the need for a new historic preservation ordinance and schedule the ordinance for a public hearing.**

Discussion continued regarding educating council on the board's purpose, obtaining a sense of direction from council, and scheduling a workshop to address issues.

Mr. Cautero reviewed concerns expressed by council and the planning

commission on the draft ordinance.

Mr. Klinkhamer advised he will provide the city attorney's memorandum on the draft ordinance to the board.

Mr. Cautero commented on concerns with the Bert Harris Act.

Discussion ensued regarding addressing Bert Harris Act issues, Mr. Wright taking the lead to respond to the city attorney's comments, scheduling a workshop, and historic properties under threat of being demolished to include 233 Pensacola Road.

Mr. Cautero advised demolition of 233 Pensacola Road will be coming before council and should not be discussed.

Mr. Jackson confirmed specifics of case cannot be discussed.

Discussion ensued regarding scheduling a workshop with the city attorney present, scheduling a subcommittee meeting, educating new council members, and developing a list of items that need to be addressed at the workshop.

Ms. Trammell requested board members submit their questions and concerns to Mr. Klinkhamer.

Discussion continued on subcommittee and workshop meeting dates, and board members submitting their questions and concerns to Mr. Klinkhamer by next Thursday.

**Mr. Wright withdrew his motion and Mr. Codella withdrew his second.**

Discussion followed regarding protecting historic buildings from demolition.

Mr. Cautero suggested inviting the city attorney or Mr. Jackson to the workshop to address Bert Harris Act concerns.

## **VIII. Staff Liaison Updates**

### [20-4628](#)

Harry Klinkhamer: Venice Historical Resources Update

Mr. Klinkhamer spoke regarding the museum's hours of operations, processing collections at the Julia Cousins Laning and Dale Laning Archives and Research Center, collection policy, exhibit gallery, construction drawings received for Lord Higel House, fundraising for Old Betsy maintenance, and marketing lost buildings of Venice tropical shirts.

**IX. Board Discussion**[20-4681](#)

Election of Vice Chair

Ms. Trammell commented on the passing of board member David Tschanz.

**A motion was made by Mr. Codella, seconded by Mr. Cookingham, to nominate Mr. Wright as vice chair. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.**

**X. Future Agenda Items**

Ms. Trammell suggested board members provide agenda topics to Mr. Klinkhamer.

Discussion followed regarding holding workshop after the regular scheduled meeting, drafting a press release on 613 West Venice Avenue, and Mr. Klinkhamer working with Public Information Officer Lorraine Anderson on a press release after council's approval.

**XI. Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary