

Boards and Commissions Annual Report to City Council

Today's Date:

Name of board or commission: Historic Preservation Board

Board Chair or designee: Jean Trammell, Chair

Date of presentation to city council:

Past year achievements:

- Sent Draft of an Updated Version of the Historic Preservation Board Ordinance to the Chair of the Planning Commission and the City Attorney on Feb. 10, 2021 for review and comment. No response provided to HPB to date. The Ordinance HPB is currently working under is almost thirty years old while the rewritten Ordinance HPB wrote remains unaddressed.
- Created a "Property Owners Guide to the Local Register of Historic Places to provide owners the benefits and obligations of having their property listed on the Local Register, and to guide them through the application process. Available both on-line and in hardcopy.
- Created a HPB Kit to provide all board members with complete information on how to assist a property owner through the application process to nominate their property for the Local Register of Historic Places
- Approved 2021 Legacy Award Winners
- Submitted comments to the Planning Commission regarding the Draft LDR Ordinance

Proposed agenda of priorities:

- As requested previously, we are still interested in having the Mayor sign a letter he wrote that would be placed in the City of Venice Monthly Newsletter encouraging owners of historic properties to complete an application for having their property placed on the Local Register of Historic Places.

Areas of concern: Communication challenges:

The Board would like to clarify our goals and duties with City Council, but need improved communications with other advisory boards that affect historic preservation. One example is, the Planning Commission should have held a joint session with our board before recommending radical changes to it in the new proposed LDR's. In addition the council's elimination of subcommittees make discreet tasks and projects more difficult to implement, as all work must flow through the full-size board during our regular sessions.

Activities/ Tasks/ Goals:

- Develop a Historic Preservation Education/outreach Program
 - Planning first program to include a Speaker from the Dept. of Interior to address Standards for Renovating Historic Properties, and how to Apply for Ad Valorem Tax Credits as a result of adhering to these standards.

- Continue to promote and increase participation by Property Owners in the Local Register
 - Utilize a Community Partnership whereby Volunteers and HPB members work together to accomplish this goal
- Pursue Certified Local Government Status, if we have an ordinance that meets the CLG criteria (The HPB rewritten Ordinance submitted on 2/10/2021 meets the criteria)
- Plan for a City-Wide Historic Structures Survey:

Original estimate based on recent survey of City of Sarasota is approximately \$75,000 to hire a firm to do the work. This cost could be spread out over time if the City surveyed a designated Comp Plan neighborhood annually rather than doing everything at once. CLG status would also provide access to state grants to fund this without requiring a match.
- Develop a City of Venice Historic Marketing Plan
 - Identify consistent historic preservation messaging to be used in various forms of communications
- Develop next year's HPB Annual Plan