



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Historic Preservation Board

Friday, December 16, 2016

9:00 AM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Board was held this date in Council Chambers at City Hall. Chair Jean Trammell called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Present 5 - Frank Codella, Chair Jean Trammell, Jim Middleton, Bill Jervey and Franklin Wright
Absent 2 - Alicia Scarpellini and Mack Whittaker

Also Present

Liaison Council Member Richard Cautero, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Director of Historical Resources James Hagler, and Recording Secretary Michelle Girvan.

III. New Business

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Historic Preservation Update - City Manager, Ed Lavallee (15 min)

Mr. Lavallee spoke in regards to the Venice historic preservation update, historic preservation board's (HPB) role, challenges, legacy, comments, view of board, input and support, Lord-Higel house, train car, redevelopment of the downtown area, creation of buildings, HPB's guidance to the planning commission, setting the cornerstone for the future, support from staff, traffic, building protection, insurance, advising council, fund improvements, and allocation of funding.

Discussion took place in regards to retaining the historical heritage, pride of the community, population, historic areas, incentives for historic structures, encouragement from the city, historic register, comprehensive plan update, Venice's history and legacy, timeframe of projects, improvements, spending of taxpayers money, responsibility of funds, operational efficiency failing, historic preservation reference point, economic downfall, and tax incentive program.

Mr. Lavallee continued his presentation regarding parks, Nolen Plan, city

acquisition of the Hamilton building, tasks, asset management, comprehensive approach, city's responsibilities, assessment and inventory of the items the city owns, cost assignment, contingent volunteers, decision of what comes first, acquiring more property, relocation of the post office, re-creation of a hotel, history of city, advice and guidance from the HPB, gateways to the city, landscaping, comprehensive design, cost, and sustaining what is created.

Discussion continued on intention, first step, finance and funding, planning issues, HPB representative, comprehensive plan update, taking initiative, and working with the economic development advisory board (EDAB).

Mr. Cautero spoke in regards to a request on the city council's prior agenda regarding EDAB to research the requirements and protocol necessary to establish potential tax incentive programs for historic preservation designations and the easements in the city, steps to take regarding issue, memo from Mr. Lavalley and request, types of incentive programs the county might have, and protocol of one advisory board working with another.

Discussion followed regarding staff's availability, EDAB's role and responsibility, comprehensive plan commitment, representative of board to speak with the planning commission, transmission of information, suggestion of advisory boards opinion, moving forward, protection of legacy, HPB's contemporary view, presentation, and input for the comprehensive plan, comprehensive plan approval from city council, target date, schedule to attend planning commission meeting, necessary steps and neighborhood presentations regarding the comprehensive plan.

Discussion continued regarding the mayor's presentation of Mariemont, Triangle Inn update, structure issues, needs of structural assets and assessment, solutions, funding, one cent sales tax, revenues, budget process, capital expense, budget plan, appropriating money, economic reality, recurring cost, historic preservation's tax incentive program, adding Mr. Lavalley to a future agenda, and public hearings.

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Historic Preservation and Partnership with Local Realtors - Marlene Merkle (15 min)

Mr. Middleton spoke in regards to the historic entities, realtors newsletter, contribution from board members to add articles to the newsletter, history of Venice and real estate, and initiatives.

Discussion took place regarding real estate members, newsletter, articles from organizations, historic preservation and partnership with local realtors, articles for the newsletter, historic pictures, bureaucratic

issues, and motivation from historical groups.

Ms. Merkle spoke in regards to membership meetings, suggested that a representative from HPB speak at one of their meetings, and a tour with the realtors regarding the city's historical structures.

Discussion took place regarding educating the real estate community on what the city's historical legacy pertains to, representatives from the historical groups to give the realtors presentations, and speakers bureau at the Venice Area Historical Society.

Discussion continued in regards to realtor membership meetings, speakers from the historic preservation board, membership meeting dates and times, organizing train depot realtor tour, repetition of newsletter and articles, other organizations to receive newsletter, providing links to the realtors, Triangle Inn visitors, adding Ms. Merkle to the historic press release list, and Dr. Jervey to arrange a speaker for the membership meeting in February.

IV. Unfinished Business

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Certified Local Governments

There was none.

16-2413

Lord-Higel House

Mr. Humes, Lord-Higel House, provided an update on the Lord-Higel house, restoration, timeframe, visit from Dennis Lord Hardy, great nephew of Joseph Lord, photos, tour of house, original postcard and design, agreement of the Lord connection, and adding the postcard into the archives and website.

16-2414

Circus Car Proposal for the Venice Train Depot

Dr. Jervey spoke in regards to the circus car and issues.

Carolyn Redlin, Venice Area Historical Society, spoke in regards to the transport of the circus car.

George Miller, Venice Area Historical Society, spoke in regards to the circus car project, purchase, date and timeframe of transporting the car, transport route, traffic lights and tree concerns, avoidance of traffic, announcement of relocation and media, filming the transport and transformation, location of delivery, car placement on a dunnage using jacks to move the car, removal of the train car wheels, Ringling Brothers decals, car being owned by Ringling, and the fatal derailment of train car.

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Staff Liaison Update

Mr. Hagler spoke in regards to the Christmas tree lighting attendance, one cent sales tax allocated for window replacement, Triangle Inn's process of the building foundation, cap report, elimination of problems with the building, newspaper archives being back at the Triangle Inn, and offsite archives facility.

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Post Office Discussion

There was no discussion.

V. Updates

There were no updates.

VI. Board Discussion

Discussion took place regarding a student representative for the historic preservation advisory board, economics of the post office, removing the post office discussion from the next agenda until there is more information, and the student's role.

VII. Future Agenda Items

There were none.

VIII. Audience Participation

No one signed up to speak.

IX. Council Member Liaison

Mr. Cautero provided an update regarding City Engineer Kathleen Weeden's presentation at the city council meeting regarding the road project, schedule of the drainage and paving improvement project, and giving notices to the downtown businesses.

Ms. Trammell spoke in regards to the History and Preservation Coalition Heritage of Sarasota County awards luncheon, notification, Venice Heritage and Venice MainStreet joint application in the area of public education awards for the John Nolen sign topper project, recognition as a winner of public education, cost, time, location and date of the luncheon.

Mr. Hagler suggested that Ms. Weeden provide a presentation on Venice's downtown streets at a future meeting.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Chair

Recording Secretary