



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Historic Preservation Board

Friday, August 16, 2019

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 6 - Chair Jean Trammell, Bill Jervey, Franklin Wright, Joseph Neunder, Christopher Miscannon and Curt (Mack) Whittaker
Absent 2 - Frank Codella and David Tschanz

Also Present:

Historic Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer and Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis

III. Approval of Minutes

[19-4080](#) Minutes of the June 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Franklin, seconded by Mr. Neunder, that the Minutes of the June 21, 2019 meeting be approved as written. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

Mary Huba provided an update on the Circus Car project, sharing that the first car has been painted and they will proceed with the air conditioning, electrical and interior construction next. She stated authentic Ringling signage will be placed on the car and exhibits inside the car will describe the Circus history and legacy.

In response to board questions, Ms. Huba said there is no timeline but they are moving steadily along.

V. New Business - None

VI. Unfinished Business

[18-3305](#) Gary Youngberg: Update on Lord-Higel House

Mr. Youngberg discussed the installation of the shutters, obtaining permits for updates, plans for activity for the interior of the house, and that they are waiting for the revised site plan, including stormwater, to proceed.

In response to board questions, Mr. Youngberg said the plan is to have an exterior restroom but they are waiting on finalization of the site plan and that funding for the restroom will not come from the city.

Mr. Youngberg explained that the tape around the porch is a safety precaution because there are no railings. Discussion followed on "no trespassing" signs not being welcoming for the public and their obligation to bring attention to the construction site.

[19-3805](#)

Jim Yelverton: New Tree Ordinance and Historic Trees

Mr. Yelverton said the draft tree ordinance has been completed and will be presented to the Planning Commission at their meeting on August 20, 2019 for recommendation to City Council.

Mr. Yelverton spoke on including a canopy road section which allows for special protection for trees within the limits of the canopy road designated area, which requires certified arborists to do the work.

Mr. Yelverton explained that heritage tree protection means that the designation of native trees of a certain size will be afforded protections. They are also proposing a Venetian tree designation which would include unique trees, not necessarily native trees (like banyan trees) on private and public properties.

Trees on private property need to be proposed to the City by property owners, which would be presented to City Council and if approved/designated, the trees will be protected.

Mr. Yelverton said a law was enacted effective July 1, 2019 that allows for private property owners to remove trees if they receive confirmation that the tree is dangerous.

Discussion ensued on how the ordinance would apply to public-right-of-ways and easements, recommendation for a publication listing the trees that are certified as dangerous, the establishment of a tree mitigation fund, and planting of trees through the mitigation fund.

In response to board member questions on historic trees, Mr. Yelverton said they used the term "Venetian tree" as a tree of a native or non-native species that has significance.

Mr. Yelverton said that he could look at a tree for a resident if they are unsure if it meets the requirements to be designated for protection.

VII. Staff Liaison Updates

[18-3431](#)

Harry Klinkhamer: Venice Museum and Archives Updates

Mr. Klinkhamer shared that Venice Museum and Archives worked with Venice Newcomers & Alumni and conducted historic trolley tours throughout the city for the "Celebrate Venice" event.

Mr. Klinkhamer mentioned that on September 27, 2019, he will host a presentation called "History and Preservation of Venice 101" for Venice Area Board of Realtors.

Mr. Klinkhamer said that Phase I of digitization of Venice Gondolier publications will start next week and noted that the Museum is closed for renovations and will reopen in September.

Mr. Klinkhamer shared that the Museum will preview their new seasonal exhibit on the history of Venice sports before the Venice High School Football Homecoming game on Friday, October 4, 2019. The exhibit will fully open to the public on October 7, 2019. There will be a ribbon-cutting for the Archives Center on Milan Avenue on October 17, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Klinkhamer shared that there are two MLS listings for the sale of the Farley house located at 1100 Sunset Drive. Discussion ensued on the Farley house and the studio on the property, which still has Mr. Farley's books and typewriters in it from before his passing in 1989. Mr. Klinkhamer stated that he and an architect went to a few open houses at the property, met with the Farley family, and documented the exterior and interior of the home with photographs.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of moving Mr. Farley's writing studio adjacent to the Triangle Inn and Mr. Klinkhamer mentioned that he has spoken with the Farley family about the incentives of listing the property as an historic property.

Discussion ensued on the possibility of someone purchasing the property and donating the studio to the city for historic preservation. The Board requested that the city investigate the possibility of preserving the writer's studio at 1100 Sunset Drive and Mr. Klinkhamer said he will contact the city manager's office to arrange a meeting.

[18-3432](#)

Historic Preservation Board Subcommittee: Revisions to Section 86-28 of

the Code of Ordinances

Mr. Klinkhamer shared that he met with the city manager and he recommended that Mr. Klinkhamer send the draft ordinance to the city attorney for a cursory review, as well as meet with the building department regarding the permitting for demolition and finance department about incentives such as waiving permit fees and use of the Centennial funds. Mr. Klinkhamer stated he intends to meet with code enforcement regarding language pertaining to violations but he has been unable to discuss the draft ordinance with Planning Commission as they will not have time until next year.

Mr. Klinkhamer's recommendation is for the board to present the ordinance to Planning Commission, Architectural Review Board, and City Council for their input.

VIII. Board Discussion

[18-3600](#)

Mr. Miscannon: Venice High School Student Activity Update

Mr. Miscannon said there will be a History Club meeting in the next three weeks and the current president is in touch with the Venice Area Historical Society to see if high school students can get involved with local projects. The board recommended that the History Club attend lectures, which will begin in October.

IX. Future Agenda Items

Mr. Jervey asked that the Farley house be on the next agenda.

X. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Chair

Deputy City Clerk
