



City of Venice

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Meeting Minutes Historic Preservation Board

Friday, September 20, 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 5 - Chair Jean Trammell, Bill Jervey, Franklin Wright, Joseph Neunder and Curt (Mack) Whittaker

Absent 3 - Frank Codella, David Tschanz and Christopher Miscannon

Also Present:

Historic Resources Manager Harry Klinkhamer, City Manager Ed Lavallee, Mayor John Holic, Recording Secretary Caroline Moriarty, and Deputy City Clerk Danielle Lewis

III. Approval of Minutes

[19-4147](#)

Minutes of the August 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Mr. Jervey made a correction to the August 16, 2019 minutes to include the following on page three:

"The Board requested Mr. Klinkhamer and Ms. Trammell meet with the city manager to inquire as to the feasibility of moving the Farley writer's studio".

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Neunder, that the Minutes of the August 16, 2019 meeting be approved as amended. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IV. Audience Participation

There was none.

V. New Business

[19-4146](#)

Ed Lavallee: Discuss Role of City Staff Regarding Walter Farley Property

Mr. Lavallee discussed the back taxes on the property, the sale price, and financial interest in the property.

Mr. Lavallee said moving the writer's studio to the cultural campus is one prospect but it would present physical challenges, with another option to leave the writer's studio in its current location and creating a writer's retreat.

Mr. Lavallee stated he met with Harry Klinkhamer and James Clinch and believes it would be a great investment to work to protect and restore the writer's studio and that leaving the studio where it is would be an ideal solution.

Mr. Lavallee advised that moving the writer's studio to the library would fall under the County's jurisdiction but the City would promote and endorse that decision.

Discussion ensued on the historical merits and significance of this property and some board members expressed their opinion that leaving the studio in its location and converting it into a writer's retreat could be the best option.

Discussion ensued on the Lord Higel House and the practicality of leaving the studio in its current location. It was suggested that relocating the contents of the studio to the library could be the most practical and cost-effective solution.

Board members recommended that Mr. Klinkhamer reach out to the Farley family and the city contact the county to see if they are interested in preserving this property.

A motion was made by Mr. Whittaker, seconded by Mr. Wright, that Mr. Lavallee draft a request to Sarasota County officials regarding the potential use of space in the library to recreate the Farley studio. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Staff Liaison Updates

[18-3431](#)

Harry Klinkhamer: Venice Museum and Archives Updates

Mr. Klinkhamer shared he is meeting with a real estate agent for the Farley property this afternoon to discuss offers from prospective buyers and what can be done with the property.

Mr. Klinkhamer said they are completing the restoration work at the LARC building and Florida friendly landscaping will be installed in front of the building. The ribbon-cutting is October 17, 2019.

Mr. Klinkhamer shared that Venice MainStreet's "Breakfast with the Mayor" is September 26, 2019. Mr. Klinkhamer said he is having a workshop with the Venice Area Board of Realtors on September 27, 2019.

Mr. Klinkhamer said that the new seasonal exhibit "Playing in Paradise" will open to the public on October 7, 2019.

[18-3432](#)

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

Mr. Klinkhamer stated that the subcommittee has not met recently but they have been presenting the draft ordinance to other relevant advisory boards and the city attorney is reviewing the same. He has met with the building official about the draft ordinance and permitting as well as with the Architectural Review Board. Mr. Klinkhamer reminded the board that Planning Commission cannot review this draft ordinance until some time next year.

VII. Board Discussion

[18-3600](#)

Mr. Miscannon: Venice High School Student Activity Update

Mr. Miscannon was not in attendance.

VIII. Future Agenda Items

Follow-up on the Farley residence.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Chair

Deputy City Clerk
