



City Hall Commission Chambers
3650 NE 12 Avenue
Oakland Park, Florida 33334

MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020, 6:30 P.M.

The regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Board of the City of Oakland Park, Florida was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Chair Robert Pensabene
Vice Chair Roger Williams
Sandra Edwards
Edwin Finder

Also Present

Peter Schwarz, Assistant Director, Engineering and
Community Development
Alex Dambach, Planning Supervisor
Melissa Alvarado, Board Secretary
H.J. Wicko, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

Absent:

Nita Janki

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2019

Mr. Finder moved to approve the minutes. Mr. Williams seconded the motion, which prevailed by a unanimous voice vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
At this time any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business for a length of time not to exceed four minutes per person.

None

ITEMS TO CONSIDER

None

<u>STAFF LIAISON REPORT</u>

Alex Dambach, Planning Supervisor, provided the presentation.

Mr. Dambach reported the Pioneer House was not designated but was a very important house to the City.

Mr. Williams was concerned about how much of an impact the Board might have on homeowners' ability to preserve and upgrade their homes. Mr. Dambach felt that the Board should begin with education and outreach, and allow homeowners to choose how to renovate their homes.

Mr. Schwarz said people in homes on 38th Street did not necessarily view their homes as historic and they could educate those owners about the historical significance of their properties.

Mr. Dambach noted that preservation was concerned with building exteriors, not interiors.

Mr. Williams discussed a home near his that was the first built on his street and had never been upgraded. He said he had lived in a 96-year old home in Atlanta that was not considered historic because there were so many homes that age or older.

Chair Pensabene agreed that it was building exteriors that were protected. He said it was sometimes onerous to deal with landmark preservation. He recalled that residents of Manhattan had been very upset that Penn Station had been razed and there had been an uproar when they planned to replace Grand Central Terminal. This had led to the passage of landmark/preservation laws. He agreed that community support was needed because people considered preservation to be restrictive.

Mr. Schwarz said staff would bring more information to their next meeting and they would discuss outreach and resources the Board could use.

Chair Pensabene asked about the previous study and Mr. Dambach reported they had done a historic inventory in 2000, which created a list of properties.

Mr. Williams stated he would like to have information to distribute at his homeowners association meeting describing historic preservation, what qualified a property as historic and how they could keep a home historic.

Mr. Schwarz invited Board members to contact staff with ideas and questions.

Ms. Edwards spoke about a trip to Tampa/St. Pete and recalled an entire area had been restored.

Mr. Finder thought the logical first step was to revisit and update the list of properties. He asked if the City had the resources to do that. Mr. Dambach confirmed that the city was a Certified Local Government now, giving them a say in historic preservation instead of giving the County that oversight. Mr. Finder said it also allowed a homeowner to apply for financial resources when

improving a property according to historic preservation standards. He noted that they should let homeowners know about these incentives to encourage preservation.

Mr. Williams suggested they invite homeowners in the area near City Hall to a meeting to talk about what preservation could offer them.

Mr. Finder thought the State Historic Preservation Office might help fund updating the list, which he estimated would cost \$20,000.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that the City, through its engineering/design group, was planning to deny an application to add a second story to a Mid Century Modern home because they did not want it to “wreck the architectural environment in the neighborhood.”

<u>REPORTS FROM THE BOARD</u>

None

<u>OTHER BUSINESS</u>

None

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:22 P.M.

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ROBERT PENSABENE, CHAIR

ATTEST:

MELISSA ALVARADO, BOARD SECRETARY