

City of Gulfport Florida
Historic Preservation Committee/Certified Local Government
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, November 17, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the City of Gulfport Historic Preservation Committee was held on Wednesday, November 17, 2010, in the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue South, Gulfport, Florida.

Christopher Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present were: Committee Members Carol Valdes, Cathy Culler, Deborah Frethem and John Milford; Alternate Committee Member David Steinke; and Chairperson Christopher Ross. Vice Chairperson Mary Stull asked to be excused.

Also present were Principle Planner Michael Taylor and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth.

1. Consider approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2010.

Motion by Committee Member Milford, second by Committee Member Valdes to approve the October 20, 2010 meeting minutes.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

2. Discuss Article XXI of the City Code of Ordinances – Historical Preservation.

The Committee reviewed the City's Historic Preservation Ordinance. Additional discussion or clarification was needed on: Section 22-21.03 (2) percentage of property owners required for designation; public hearing procedures, if Section 22-21.04 (a) is the Section where exceptions due to acts of God or FEMA regulations should be included; and the review process for mandatory and voluntary compliance.

The Committee briefly reviewed and discussed the Historic and Archaeological Preservation Overlay Ordinance for the City of St. Petersburg, which was felt to be complicated.

In response to a question by Committee Member Steinke on whether the City Ordinance was based on another city's and modify for Gulfport, Principal Planner Taylor said that a lot of the City's ordinances are founded by research done on what other cities have. Committee Member Steinke felt it would be helpful to have information on what is or is not working for the other cities that this ordinance was based on. Chairperson Ross stated ordinances could be obtained for other cities similar to us to see what their ordinances look like. City Staff will research if there are records reflecting what information was used to put together the City's current ordinance.

The Committee discussed scheduling a workshop with the City Council in January.

The next Committee meeting will be held December 15, 2010.

3. Consider appointment of a Committee Member to fill the unexpired term of Woody Matthews.

The Committee had been provided, in their agenda packet, copies of applications from residents interested in serving on the Committee. Applications were received from Judy Ryerson and Dolly Tickell.

Motion by Committee Member Milford, second by Committee Member Frethem to appoint Alternate Member David Steinke to fill the unexpired term of Committee Member Woody Matthews.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

Motion by Committee Member Frethem, second by Committee Member Valdes to recommend the appointment of Judy Ryerson to the City Council as the Alternate Member to fill the unexpired term of David Steinke.

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY ACCLAMATION

Committee Member Frethem pointed out that Dolly Tickell had listed on her application that she was interested in seeing a historical properties walking tour. Committee Member Frethem asked if the Committee had any objections to her asking Ms. Tickell to assist her with the walking tour she is putting together. There was no objection from the Committee.

4. Adjournment.

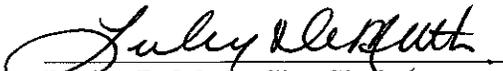
In response to a question by Chairperson Ross, City Clerk DeMuth explained the Application for the Historic Designation of the Gulfport Casino will be redone and resubmitted to the State by Community Development.

Principle Planner Taylor provided the Committee copies of a map indicating the Waterfront Development District's Flood Zones.

Committee Member Culler spoke on the vacant properties on Essex. Principle Planner Taylor explained that these are five properties with five separate owners. Two of the homes are in the process of being finished, and the owners of the other three properties and the Lawyers that represent them would like to get rid of those properties. Committee Member Steinke provided the Committee with some background on this development.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Date Approved: 12-15-10


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk


Christopher Ross, Chairperson