

City of Gulfport Florida
Historic Preservation Committee / Certified Local Government
Wednesday, February 10, 2010
Minutes

The Regular Meeting of the City of Gulfport Historic Preservation Committee was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010, in the Gulfport Historical Museum, 5301 28th Avenue South, Gulfport, Florida.

Christopher Ross, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present were: Committee Members Carol Valdes, Deborah Frethem, and Cathy Culler; Alternate Committee Member David Steinke; Vice Chairperson Mary Stull; Chairperson Christopher Ross, and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth. Committee Member John Milford was excused and Committee Member Woody Matthews was not present.

1. Consider approval of the Historic Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2009 and January 20, 2010.

Motion by Committee Member Valdes, second by Committee Member Frethem to approve the minutes of November 18, 2009, and January 20, 2010.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL BY ACCLAMATION

2. Discuss Walking Tour Brochure.

Committee Member Frethem advised the Committee she had gone back and looked at what she previously had done and she reviewed with the Committee the old walking tour brochure. When she walked the entire tour it took over an hour and a half. The tour is over three miles in length and most people are not going to walk that. Committee Member Frethem spoke on the properties she would like to see added to the tour and a route she developed that would take about an hour to walk and is less than two miles. Committee Member Frethem stated she did start to type this route up, but did not finish and she would like to submit the completed route to the Committee at the next meeting.

Committee Member Frethem stated at the last meeting it was mentioned that there are some sites north of 22nd Avenue that need to be acknowledged as part of Gulfport. She suggested this be a separate tour and that she would have no problem developing one. Lynne Brown has provided her with a lot of history on the houses in Gulfport on a disc and once she knows exactly what houses they are going to use, she will be able to pull the history Lynne developed from this disc.

The Committee discussed a colored brochure Committee Member Frethem provided as a reference from Fernandina Beach. The Committee agreed that not only does the brochure look very nice, but it helps people to know they are looking at the right building and it is a great souvenir. The Committee discussed the cost of producing a brochure similar to this, and information that should be included such as public restroom sites and shopping, food, etc.

locations. The Committee's ultimate goal would be to procure something like Fernandina Beach's brochure.

The Committee felt the main objective of the walking tour is to get people to learn the history of Gulfport, but the secondary objective is to drive some business for our merchants. Once the tour route is set, the Committee agreed a time should be set when most of the members could get together to walk the route before it is finalized.

3. Updates:

Historic Preservation Overlay District

Chairperson Ross advised the Committee she had met with the City Manager today on the Cultural Resource Preservation Overlay Zoning District Ordinance. The Committee discussed the comments which were provided by the City Manager and his Staff on the proposed Ordinance sections which were submitted to them for review; Purpose and Intent; Definitions, Survey, and Powers and Duties. Chairperson Ross will provide the next few sections of the Ordinance to the City Manager for his review. City Clerk DeMuth will provide the comments of the City Attorney to the Committee once they are received.

Casino Designation

City Clerk DeMuth reported she has not heard from the State, but will follow-up on the Nomination Proposal prior to the next meeting.

4. Any other business.

In response to a question by Chairperson Ross on the Bear and the Indian which were in Scout Hall, City Clerk DeMuth stated last year when she inquired about the Bear she was told the Scouts have it. At that time she did not ask about the Indian, but would inquire on its location.

Chairperson Ross mentioned Committee Member Frethem's upcoming "Ghost Stores of St. Petersburg" book signing.

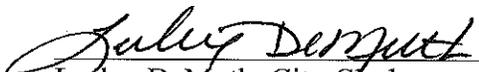
City Clerk DeMuth mentioned Interim City Attorney Salzman will make a presentation during the City Council Workshop on March 25, at 5:00 pm on the Sunshine Law and Public Records Law.

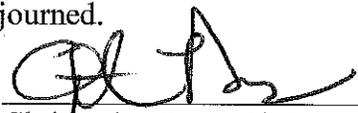
The next scheduled Committee Meeting is March 17, 2010.

5. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Date Approved: 4-21-10


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk


Christopher Ross, Chairperson