

City of Gulfport Florida
Historic Preservation Committee/Certified Local Government
Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, December 15, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the City of Gulfport Historic Preservation Committee was held on Wednesday, December 15, 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, David Steinke and John Milford; Alternate Committee Member Judy Ryerson; Vice Chairperson Mary Stull; and Chairperson Christopher Ross. Committee Member Deborah Frethem was not present.

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

1. Consider approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2010.

On a motion by Committee Member Valdes, the minutes were approved as presented.

In response to a question by Board Member Steinke on the Committee determining they could not vote on an alternate member until the vacancy was advertised, City Clerk DeMuth stated the Committee voted to appoint an alternate member using the applications which were on file.

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

The Committee discussed Section 22-21.03 Historic Designation of the City's Code of Ordinances. They questioned how the City would obtain the consent of property owners for designation and how the consent of all property owners when forming a district could be changed to a lower percentage. In response to a question from Chairperson Ross on how this could be done, Principle Planner Taylor suggested she request this through the City Manager for either he or the City Attorney to research. Principle Planner Taylor pointed out that the Committee is looking at two different designations; the creation of the district and then within that district the nomination of properties for historic designation.

Chairperson Ross stated she thought the next step was for her to meet with the City Manager and ask how he would like the Committee to proceed with a revision to Section 22-21.03 (a) (2). Chairperson Ross mentioned that she had noted on her calendar that perhaps in January they may have a workshop with the City Council on this, and it was suggested to Chairperson Ross by City Clerk DeMuth that this be discussed with the City Manager during her meeting with him.

Chairperson Ross advised the Committee she had been doing some research, and she spoke on an informational brochure she came across from Birmingham, Alabama on One Stop Permitting. She will have the City Clerk provide copies of the brochure to the Committee Members.

Committee Member Steinke asked if there are historical buildings outside the historic overlay district they are going to form, can they also get a historical designation, and he questioned why they could not make the entire City a district. Chairperson Ross stated that properties outside the district could get individual local preservation designation, and she believed it would take too long to get the entire city designated; this is why they have been asked to start off small.

Vice Chairperson Stull spoke on the 1992 Historic Properties Survey which identifies properties that potentially could be historic. Chairperson Ross felt this was a document the Committee will be using.

3. Any other business.

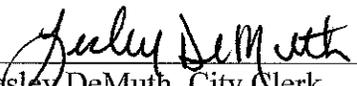
In response to a question by Chairperson Ross, there was nothing to report on the designation of the Casino.

Chairperson Ross asked that discussion of the Walking Tour Brochure be placed on the next agenda.

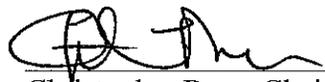
4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Date Approved: 1-19-11



Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk



Christopher Ross, Chairperson