

City of Gulfport Florida
Historic Preservation Committee/Certified Local Government
Meeting Minutes - Wednesday, January 18, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the City of Gulfport Historic Preservation Committee was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, 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, David Steinke, Deborah Frethem, and John Milford; Vice Chairperson Mary Stull and Chairperson Christopher Ross. Principal Planner Michael Taylor and City Clerk Lesley DeMuth were also present. Committee Member Mary-Jo Kehoe and Alternate Committee Member Judy Ryerson were not present.

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1. Consider approval of the Committee Meeting Minutes of October 19, 2011 and November 30, 2011.

Motion by Committee Member Valdes, second by Committee Member Frethem to approve the minutes of October 18, 2011 and November 30, 2011.

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2. Discuss Walking Tour Brochure.

The Committee worked on verbiage for the brochure as follows:

- 5301 28th Avenue South

Gulfport Historical Society Museum built in 1913 as Methodist Church and moved across the street for Scouts, then used by the Red Cross, Civil Air Patrol, GEMS and finally dedicated as the Museum in 1984.

- 5315 28th Avenue South

Scout Hall built in 1930's as Pentecostal Church, moved from near 49th St. used as City Community Meeting Hall until being turned over to the Scouts in the 1960's.

- 2724 54th Street South

Dog Park, divided for large and small dogs, originally shuffleboard court, built in late 1930's, the building currently houses the Gulfport Arts Center.

- 2700 Beach Boulevard South

The Stratton House dates from at least 1915. By 1949, the building had been divided into five separate residences.

- 2632 Beach Boulevard South

The Balch House dates from even earlier than indicated. Research shows in 1906, Mr. Balch, 79, paid old settler Danniell Hoover \$250 for two lots. In 1931, the house was sold to Emmet and Nellie Teats, New York apple farmers, who lived there though the rest of the period.

- 2602 Beach Boulevard South

The original 1920's style of the house has been redesigned/remodeled in the bungalow style. Frederick Brooks bought this property in 1923 and probably built on it in 1925.

**Note: Look right- the original trolley once ran through the park.

- 2629 Beach Boulevard South

The Kuder House, named for its first owners Robert and Eva Kuder. They occupied the house until 1933 when it became a rental.

- 2701 Beach Boulevard South

The Sackriders owned this property by 1913.

- 2713 Beach Boulevard South

The was originally the home of J. L. and Pearl Wells. Pearl, a widow was one of two or three Gulfport women to receive relief payments in the 1920's.

The Committee discussed references to original address on Davis Boulevard for several of the properties and Committee Member Frethem will speak to Lynne Brown for clarification.

- 2725 Beach Boulevard South

This property was developed and owned by the Websters from before 1920.

- 2731 Beach Boulevard South

Harvey Mowrey built this store/service station about 1925. After Harvey's death, his widow Pearl ran the station in 1929 and 1930. The Moulton Brothers took over in 1944 and changed the name. It became the Gulfport Garage by 1945.

- 2832 Beach Boulevard South

Committee Member Frethem will speak with Lynne Brown about the wording for this commercial block.

3. Any other business.

Chairperson Ross advised she had contacted Fred Metcalf, Community Development Director, about what the city might like the committee to do, and Principal Planner Taylor is prepared to speak to the committee on this issue.

Mike Taylor, Principal Planner, said he has three projects the committee may want to undertake; 1) establishing boundaries for historic district/districts and identifying properties within the districts that are historical structures, 2) create a list of architectural styles or features for historical structures and 3) identify locations appropriate for historical markers. Mr. Taylor updated the committee on the Casino's historic designation application, reporting that staff has received and is reviewing the State's new forms.

Chairperson Ross spoke on the committee reviewing the city's historical properties survey. The committee discussed finishing the language for the walking tour brochure prior to starting a new project.

The committee's next meeting is February 15, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.

4. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned

Date Approved: 2/15/12


Lesley DeMuth, City Clerk


Christopher Ross, Chairperson