

The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) of the City of Titusville, Florida met in regular session at City Hall in the Council Chamber, located at 555 South Washington Avenue, on Monday February 2, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

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Chairman Kiesel called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Present were, Vice Chairman Petyk, Secretary Adams, Member Shifalo and Member Gaetjens. Member Jonas, Member Foster, Alternate Member Crofton and Alternate Member Davis were absent. Also attending were Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams, Planner Tabitha Armstrong, Community Development Director Brad Parrish and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Vice Chairman Petyk motioned to approve the regular minutes from the January 5, 2026 meeting as presented. Secretary Adams seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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### ***Old Business***

#### **Mid-Century Modern Structures**

Chairman Kiesel said he provided an excel list of the properties that were previously discussed and he would like for the Historic Preservation Board members to choose two residential and two commercial properties that they would like to discuss in detail about being potentially recognized at the May workshop. Chairman Kiesel asked that the members come prepared to discuss at the March meeting.

Member Shifalo said she would like to get public participation in getting nominations for the Mid-Century Modern structures.

Member Gaetjens said he would also like to have the public get involved and provide their nominations. Member Gaetjens said that when the Moonlight restaurant was recognized, the owners did not seem excited or interested in the recognition. Member Gaetjens said he would like the owners of the properties that are being recognized to be excited about it also.

Member Shifalo agreed with Member Gaetjens about getting the public involved and excited about the nominations and recognition.

Chairman Kiesel suggested a member of the Historic Preservation Board consider writing an article to go in the Titusville Talking Points regarding Mid-Century Modern structures and what the Historic Preservation Board is working on.

Member Shifalo spoke of her conversation with Kelly DeFazio and how she would consider coming to speak briefly at the May workshop regarding her life growing up in Titusville and career etc.

The Historic Preservation Board members had discussion.

Chairman Kiesel said that since the Titusville Talking Points is a quarterly publication, the Historic Preservation Board should write an article recapping the May 2026 Historic Preservation Board Workshop. Chairman Kiesel said that it can be published in Titusville Talking Points and then sent out via other publications and social media avenues to get it better advertised to the public.

Chairman Kiesel said the Historic Preservation Board can move forward with reviewing properties and selecting a couple for the recognition without designation.

Chairman Kiesel said he would like to have a roundtable discussion at the March 2, 2026 Historic Preservation Board meeting to select one residential and one commercial structure to be recognized at the May 2026 workshop.

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**Historic Preservation Board Ordinance**

Chairman Kiesel gave a brief update from the City Council meeting he attended where it was brought up about demolition of potentially historic structures. Chairman Kiesel said that City Council was receptive but did have questions of staff.

Community Development Director Brad Parrish gave an overview of page 91 of the agenda packet. Mr. Parrish said that City Council suggested that an ordinance be drafted to specifically address demolition of historic structures that may be qualifying. Mr. Parrish said that included in the agenda packet is a report from the Historic Preservation Board Officer Pat Tyjeski with examples of ordinances.

Mr. Parrish referred to page 92 of the agenda packet where it specifies four items that City Council gave as direction to staff to have answered. Mr. Parrish went over the four items:

1. Whether the ordinance should apply exclusively to properties identified in the City's historic preservation surveys.
2. Whether demolition review and delay should be administered through the existing Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) process or through an alternative review mechanism
3. Whether applicants should be responsible for the cost of documenting historic resources prior to demolition
4. Appropriate duration for a demolition delay period, noting City Council's direction that demolition permits may be delayed but not denied

Chairman Kiesel provided his feedback on the four items. Chairman Kiesel said all demolition permits on properties that are fifty years or older should be brought to the attention of the Historic Preservation Board before the demolition permit is issued. The review and delay should go through the Certificate of Appropriate process. If the property owner is unwilling or unable to pay for the documentation of the property, the Historic Preservation Board should use budgeted money to pay for the report. Chairman Kiesel does not think that it will take 90 days to document, but if it does need a longer time, he would like to allow the time for it to be properly documented.

The Historic Preservation Board had discussion regarding delaying demolition verses stopping it.

Member Shifalo said she would like the applicant that is requesting the demolition to provide information as to what is being developed or done with the property after the demolition takes place. Member Shifalo said that maximum delay should be 90 days and the applicant should pay for the documentation.

The Historic Preservation Board had discussion.

Mr. Parrish said that there are more than five hundred structures that are listed on the surveys. City Council would like the property owners to be notified of the ordinance so that they can come and provide their input and feedback.

Chairman Kiesel said notifying all the property owners is a great opportunity to get the word out and get public engagement and public education out for historic structures.

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***Historic Preservation Board Annual Workshop Discussion***

Community Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams said she spoke to Marty Hylton who is available on May 28, 2026 to speak at the annual workshop and the cost is \$1,500.00.

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Vice Chairman Petyk made a motion to approve staff to secure Marty Hylton as the guest speaker for the May workshop on May 28, 2026 for the amount of \$1,500.00. Member Shifalo seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Member Shifalo said that she spoke to Kelly DeFazio and she would consider coming to speak at the Historic Preservation Board annual workshop. Member Shifalo said she would speak to her again about attending the meeting on May 28, 2026.

Chairman Kiesel said he has no objection to inviting Ms. DeFazio as an additional speaker.

Chairman Kiesel said he would like to have an audio/visual display of the identified Mid-Century Modern structures as a background display at the workshop.

Member Shifalo suggested having the workshop at the Dream Luxury Apartments as they have a nice meeting room. Ms. Williams said she would contact them about availability and price.

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***Petitions & Request***

Gabriel Rothblatt, Executive Director of the US Space Walk of Fame Foundation came and spoke to the Historic Preservation Board about the Museums of Brevard, the History Fair and 321 Day. Mr. Rothblatt said that 321 Day is celebrated on March 21<sup>st</sup> as a day to remember Ozzie Osband as the

individual who helped Brevard County get the 321-area code to mimic NASA's countdown sequence. Mr. Rothblatt said he is looking to get the public and the community's youth involved more.

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Kevin Riley of Indian River Avenue came to speak to the Historic Preservation Board. Mr. Riley provided a handout. Mr. Riley said that there are several manhole covers which have Titusville and the date of 1926. Mr. Riley just wanted to bring to the Board's attention of the historical age of the manhole covers.

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Greg Valdyke of 205 Acorn Drive Titusville, Florida came to speak of the historical age and significance of his house. Mr. Valdyke said he and some of his neighbors would be interested in a historic district in his area.

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Malinda Villain of Titusville, Florida came to speak to the Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Villain provided a handout from one of her neighbors and spoke of the interest in a historic district and attention to this area by herself and her neighbors.

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***Reports***

Community Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams said there is a community event on February 13, 2026 at the North Brevard Historical Society and Museum at 4:00pm.

Secretary Adams said the Titusville Library is having a Joynerville & Beyond presentation on February 10, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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**Adjournment 2:32pm**