

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 January 5, 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, Member Gaetjens, Member Jonas, Member Foster and Alternate Member Crofton. Alternate Member Davis was absent. Also attending were Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams, Planner Tabitha Armstrong and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Member Foster motioned to approve the regular minutes from the December 1, 2025 meeting as presented. Member Secretary Adams seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Old Business

Mid-Century Modern Structures

Chairman Kiesel provided a brief overview of what the Historic Preservation Board members reviewed at the previous meeting.

The Historic Preservation Board members went over each of the new properties in the agenda packet to decide whether to pursue further review of the properties for consideration of being an example of Mid-Century Modern structures.

All the properties in the agenda packet were noted as an example of Mid-Century Modern structures to further pursue as examples of Mid-Century Modern. The Historic Preservation Board members had some discussion regarding some of the properties.

Chairman Kiesel suggested that the properties that were discussed at the December 1, 2025 meeting and the properties from today's meeting be combined on one list and be reviewed one last time at the February 2, 2026 Historic Preservation Board meeting. Chairman Kiesel said that if there are any additional properties that any of the members would like to see added to the list, to please provide the information to Ms. Williams. Chairman Kiesel said during the review the board members can decide what the next step will be.

The Historic Preservation Board members had some discussion relating to their goal and intent of the Mid-Century Modern project. Chairman Kiesel said one goal one be to pursue a grant opportunity in order to have a survey done for Mid-Century Modern structures.

Member Shifalo said she would like some help as to how to search the public master site files. Member Shifalo also spoke about the reports that she found and provided as a resource for the Historic Preservation Board members to review during this project. Chairman Kiesel said he will help with researching the Florida's Mid-Century Modern Architecture study from the University of Florida.

The Historic Preservation Board members wanted to somehow get community input and feedback regarding Mid-Century Modern homes that would have historical significance.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams said she has a contact with Senior Living that she will reach out to regarding getting some public input.

Member Shifalo said that the Mayor's Ball guest speak Kelly DeFazio grew up in Titusville and went into the space program. Member Shifalo said she might be a good speaker.

Member Shifalo said she will also continue to speak with the Space Museum to see if there might be some stories from this era.

Chairman Kiesel suggested getting into contact with the people who produced the reports that Member Shifalo provided, as they might be potential expert speakers on Mid-Century Modern.

Secretary Adams suggested that Charlie Mars might be a potential contact person.

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Petitions & Request

Malinda Villain of Titusville, Florida came to speak to the Historic Preservation Board about the Indian River City (IRC) community in hopes of getting the same interest and focus as the Joynerville area did from the Historic Preservation Board. Ms. Villain provided information to the Historic Preservation Board members. The Historic Preservation Board members suggested that Ms. Villain invite her neighbors to come to the next Historic Preservation Board meeting, to bring her research materials regarding the neighborhood to them and locally designate her house and to get her neighbors to get their properties locally designated and to potentially become a Historic District in order to protect the neighborhood.

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Reports

Member Foster asked for an update regarding the Pritchard House maintenance. Ms. Williams said she needs interior photos of the Pritchard House to be provided to her.

Member Foster said there will be an Arbor Day event at the Pritchard House on January 16, 2026 at 11:00am. Member Foster said that there will be additional events celebrating the 250th year of the USA, such as a July 4th Parade.

The Historic Preservation Board members would like Ms. Williams to let them know what City Council meeting the Historic Preservation Ordinance will be heard. Ms. Williams will provide that date once she knows what it is.

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Adjournment 2:05pm