

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 3, 2025 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 Jonas, Member Gaetjens, Member Foster and Alternate Member Davis. Alternate Member Crofton was absent. Also attending were Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams, Planner Tabitha Armstrong and Sr. Administrative Assistant Kim Amick.

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Vice Chairman Petyk motioned to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2025 meeting as presented. Member Shifalo seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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Consent Agenda

Florida Division of Historic Resources Small Matching Grant

Brad Parrish gave an explanation of the grant and suggested that the board consider applying for the grant again this year and funded for next year.

The Historic Preservation Board members discussed the grant and how it would help them enable the community of Joynerville recognize the past and help them maintain what is still there. They discussed community education, interpretive signage and consistent design to mark the locations throughout the community. A walking tour was discussed as a possible successful program, but it was discussed that before they get to the stage of a walking tour they would have to identify where it would be, what kind of signage and how they would like to have it and the community should be involved in making those decisions.

Vice-Chairman Petyk asked if \$50,000 is enough. Brad Parrish stated they would look at the whole project, estimate what that might cost and only the grant will subsidize that portion up to the maximum grant and then what left the city will put in for a budget request. He stated with this grant they believe there are going to be more funds necessary so they will put that request in with the budget and if council approves it in September, it will be effective October in time when the grant is received.

Chairman Kiesel stated it looks like the consensus is to move forward with the grant.

There was a unanimous voice vote to move forward with the grant.

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Old Business

Recognition of Historic Structures Without Designation.

Chairman Kiesel stated they have the revised form they asked for at their previous meeting in the packet.

Chairman Kiesel asked if they were going to do the round table at the end of the meeting. Sue Williams stated yes.

HPB Annual Workshop May 22, 2025

Chairman Kiesel stated at their last meeting some were going to be looking for some speakers and some ideas for topics.

Member Davis stated he had a suggestion to bring in a couple of men from the Melbourne area that were involved in the Line Street Cemetery discovery and cleanup. There was a Boy Scout Troop that helped with the clean up and he is working to get the two men how were instrumental in getting that troop to that area of discovery. He is working that angle and feels he will be able to get one of the men to participate. He hopes to have information before the workshop in May.

Member Foster stated what is the focus of the workshop. Is it going to be on Joynerville project, who handling it, or is it going to present to them the public tools or practices what can be done to ensure that a community is represented as they want to be in the historical content.

Member Davis stated the main thing is community awareness and education. This would be a way to highlight an example of what another city has done to bring that home to Titusville to focus on encouraging their help and getting the young people involved.

Chairman Kiesel stated his concern is there are only two more meetings before the workshop, and they do not have a defined agenda. All they have is some possible topics, an announcement of the grant application and their recognition without designation and he does not know if they can build a workshop around just those two topics.

Vice-Chairman Petyk suggested doing (1) Black Cemetery, (2) Businesses and (3) People who are getting recognized can speak about their houses.

Alternate Member Davis will get information to Sue to distribute.

Member Foster The importance of neighborhood cemetery and recording it and noting some of the prominent people buried in the cemetery and the importance of cemeteries and the stories they tell. Also the history of local businesses and have someone talk about the black businesses in the Joynerville area and the ones carried on by family members and the Joynerville project how they are caring forward.

Sue Williams stated regarding the Line Street Cemetery, she talked to the planner, Sandy, who recommended to bring in Pat Tyjeski in to tell the whole story. Pat Tyjeski is the one who gave the presentation at Melbourne. The cost for Pat Tyjeski to present would be \$1,300.00 and she is available for the date of May 22 at 5:30.

Chairman Kiesel stated that is a great starting point if they can get a tie into our cemeteries as well as local businesses and get them confirmed by the next meeting. He thinks they have enough of an agenda for a good workshop. He said they could talk about the grant they are trying to do to move Joynerville forward and briefly discuss their Recognition without Designation program.

Vice-Chairman Petyk made a motion to invite Pat Tyjeski to speak at their workshop on May 22, 2025.

Member Foster seconded.

There was a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Member Shifalo stated she is pleased that the board is moving forward with Recognition without Designation. She would also like to see something done for the early space age recognition and also wanted to mention historic neon signs to do something to preserve them.

Member Foster stated the Florida Trust is having their workshop on May 17 designation at the Elliott Museum. She is going to set up an information table with what they have done. Also, at the Brevard County Historic Commission meeting last week, she took a copy of their Joynerville report and guidelines, they thought they were great. They asked if a copy of both could be put in the archives at the historic commission for people to review. She would like to request that they put a copy of each in the archives at the Brevard County Historic Commission at the Cocoa Central Library.

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Petitions & Request

None

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Reports

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Adjournment 1:55 pm