

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 October 6, 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 Foster, Member Shifalo, Member Gaetjens. Member Jonas, Alternate Member Davis and Alternate Member Crofton were absent. Also attending were Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams, Community Development Director Brad Parrish and Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Member Foster motioned to approve the regular minutes from the September 2, 2025 meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Petyk seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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### ***Old Business***

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

Member Shifalo gave an overview of the information that she provided in the agenda packet and the extra information provided during the meeting. Member Shifalo said she is looking for classic mid-century modern architecture and potential stories of the owners that might have lived there that worked during the space era that had significant importance. Member Shifalo said she would also like to get the community involved with nominations, awareness and recognition.

Chairman Kiesel said he made the following bullet points.

- The Historic Preservation Board can research to see what the housing stock of Titusville is for mid-century modern structures, and then look at potential districts, or overlay districts for clusters of mid-century modern homes
- Potentially implement recognition without designation for mid-century modern structures
- Consider finding someone who is highly knowledgeable on mid-century modern architecture
- Keep a lookout for grant opportunities to do in-depth research on mid-century modern
- The Historic Preservation Board can find a pristine structure and initiate the designation process and see if the owner would be interested in proceeding with a designation.

Member Foster suggested flushing out the criteria for what the Historic Preservation Board is looking for first because there are levels of mid-century modern structures.

Member Foster asked if there would be consideration for both residential and commercial structures.

The Historic Preservation Board members had discussion regarding how to find the best examples of mid-century modern structures and how pristine of a structure will be found because so many structures have been modified already.

Chairman Kiesel said the next step is for the Historic Preservation Board members to research and review the surveys and research properties to see what is in Titusville.

Member Shifalo volunteered to review the surveys and bring back specific structures to the November 3, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting and she will also speak to the contacts at the Space Museum to see if they have any stories that go along with structures.

Chairman Kiesel asked that the members come prepared with their findings to the November 3, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting.

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***New Business***

**Pritchard House Special Category Grant**

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams said that they requested to know what the estimated cost would be for a detailed inspection of the Pritchard House to know what needs to be taken care of in the house. Ms. Williams said that the estimated amount for this type of inspection was quoted at \$40,000.00. Ms. Williams said that she and Community Development Director Brad Parrish have a phone meeting to ask questions about this quote later today. Ms. Williams said she will provide another update to the Historic Preservation Board at the November 3, 2025 meeting.

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**Historic Preservation Ordinance**

Community Development Director Brad Parrish gave an overview of this item. Mr. Parrish said that currently the nomination process is voluntary and if the Historic Preservation Board desires that it be mandatory, their request would need to be made to City Council for their approval.

Member Foster said she would like to have it changed to make it mandatory to save historic structures.

The Historic Preservation Board members had some discussion.

Chairman Kiesel said he would like the opportunity to sit down and speak to City Council and provide the Historic Preservation Board's intent and desire to save historic structures and receive feedback from Council as to their support of making potential changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance.

Member Foster said she would like to see the downtown district expanded to include St. Gabriel's, the Court House and the Pritchard House. Mr. Parrish said each of these are on the National Register and are protected.

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Vice Chairman Petyk made a motion to approve Chairman Kiesel to speak on behalf of the Historic Preservation Board to City Council regarding saving historic structures and potential changes to the Historic Preservation Ordinance that help strengthen the ordinance. Member Shifalo seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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***Petitions & Request***

None

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***Reports***

Member Shifalo said she invited the Titusville Ghost Tours to come and present to the Historic Preservation Board but they did not show up today.

Member Foster stated that Historic Preservationist don't particularly want their historic structures to be labeled as haunted. Member Foster stated that the Historic Preservation Board is not interested.

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**Adjournment 2:08pm**