

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 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 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 Recording Secretary Laurie Dargie.

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Vice Chairman Petyk motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2024 meeting as presented. Member Foster seconded. There was a unanimous voice vote in favor.

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### ***Old Business***

#### **Recognition of Historic Structures Discussion**

The Historic Preservation Board members commented that the application looks good and had comments about formatting the “date of construction” line and they requested to add a parenthesis of (Architectural & Landscape etc.) to the “Significant original elements still remaining intact” section of the application.

The Historic Preservation Board Members had discussion regarding the criteria for being a recognized structure. The members agreed to keep the criteria simple as this is a promotional tool that is being used to help entice the property owner to move forward with an actual local designation.

The Historic Preservation Board members spoke about doing their own research and coming back to the February 3, 2025 Historic Preservation Board meeting with two potential properties per Historic Preservation Board member to present for discussion and then narrowing down the properties for recognition to one or a maximum of four properties to be recognized. It was specified that the structures do need to be significant.

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams suggested that the Historic Preservation Board have their requested round table discussion after their regularly conducted meeting on February 3, 2025. The Historic Preservation Board members agreed to this date for the round table discussion.

### ***New Business***

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**Historic Preservation Board Annual Workshop 2025 Discussion**

Ms. Williams asked if the Historic Preservation Board members had ideas for their annual workshop and if they would like to set a potential date to reserve a location. The Historic Preservation Board members decided that May 22, 2025 would be the date to reserve if available and requested it to be at the Harry T. Moore Center.

The Historic Preservation Board members discussed continuing the topic of Joynerville & Beyond. Member Shifalo suggested looking into using the business display wall and creating a historic gateway greenspace. Member Shifalo also suggested getting the youth involved with youth projects in the community. Member Shifalo suggested reaching out to Mr. Ennis Davis regarding youth involvement projects.

Member Davis added that a group of Boy Scouts in the City of Melbourne discovered an African American cemetery on a city owned fenced lot on Line Street in Melbourne. There has been a \$50,000.00 grant that has been used to do ground sonar which discovered numerous gravesites. Additional research is being done. Member Davis said that the Black Cemetery Network is a resource to contribute historical information on cemeteries.

Member Foster said she has a contact name and number that she can provide to Ms. Williams in order to see if someone could come to a Historic Preservation Board meeting or the annual workshop to speak about the business wall art, Line Street etc.

Member Adams asked if the Boy Scout leader or a couple of the Boy Scouts who made the discovery might be able to come to the workshop and tell their discovery story.

Vice Chairman Petyk suggested that a speaker from the Joynerville Community be invited to the annual workshop to tell their history in the area.

Member Davis said he has a few different individuals in mind that he will reach out to, to see if they might be interested in coming to share their stories and history during the workshop.

The Historic Preservation Board members thought it would be good to have three or so speakers from the Joynerville community to come to share at the workshop.

Secretary Adams suggested that a short presentation could be given on how to correctly give an oral history.

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***Petitions & Request***

None

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***Reports***

Redevelopment Planner Sue Williams said that Stantec will be giving their Joynerville & Beyond presentation to City Council on February 25, 2025 at 5:30pm.

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**Adjournment 1:53pm**