

REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Minutes for the Regular Historic Preservation Board meeting for the City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in Commission Chambers of City Hall, 301 S. Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida

Board Members present were as follows:

Mr. Robert Fort, Chair
Mr. Brian Fredley
Mr. Dallas Peacock
Dr. Daniel Stotland
Mr. Warren Trager

Board Members absent were as follows:

Mr. Roman Yurkiewicz, Vice Chair
Mr. James Daniels
Dr. Andrei Ludu
Dr. Deborah Wise

Staff members present:

Mr. Doug Gutierrez, Principal Planner
Mr. Ben Gross, Deputy City Attorney
Ms. Becky Groom, Board Secretary

1. **Call to Order**

Mr. Fort called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call**

Roll was called with members present as listed above. Mr. Gutierrez stated the absences for Dr. Ludu, Mr. Yurkiewicz, and Dr. Wise were excused absences.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** September 18, 2018

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Trager, seconded by Mr. Fredley, to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 meeting, as presented. The motion carried.

4. **Discussion Item:** 2019 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Gutierrez presented the proposed schedule of meetings for the Historic Preservation Board for 2019.

Board Action:

A motion was made by Dr. Stotland, seconded by Mr. Peacock, to approve the schedule of meetings for the Historic Preservation Board for 2019, as presented by staff. The motion carried.

5. **Discussion Item:** Preservation Award – S. Ridgewood Elementary
747 Building

Mr. Gutierrez stated he has talked with the property owner of the 747 Building who has indicated they are very pleased to receive the Historic Preservation Award.

Mr. Gutierrez presented for the Board's information the award that will be presented to the Halifax Historic Society, which will be presented at the November 7 City Commission Meeting. Mr. Gutierrez stated the plaque is similar to what was presented for the Streamline Hotel project.

6. **Discussion Item:** Scholarship Project

Mr. Gutierrez stated at the last Board meeting, it was discussed that three topics would be presented for the students to address for the scholarship project. Mr. Gutierrez stated the topics are to be presented by Board members and then 3 of the suggested topics would be final scholarship project items. Mr. Gutierrez stated the Board had previously discussed either a cash prize or possible internship for the winner of the project.

Mr. Peacock stated what started as a simple scholarship project seemed to get out of hand at the last meeting he attended. Mr. Peacock stated he feels the scholarship project should be for high school students with a cash benefit. Mr. Peacock stated since the Board has never been involved in such a project before, he thinks it should remain simple and feels a \$250 or \$500 scholarship would be appreciated by any student.

Mr. Fredley stated he feels the project should be limited to the two Daytona Beach high schools, Seabreeze and Mainland. Mr. Fredley stated he feels topics should be presented for writing a thesis, as was suggested by Dr. Wise. Mr. Fredley stated he feels the thesis should be 500 words and animation could be used as a part of the presentation and should be related to historic preservation and blight in the city.

Mr. Peacock stated the scholarship may generate a younger group of people that would be interested in the blighted areas in the community.

Mr. Fort stated perhaps a topic could be how other communities have rebounded as a result of having blighted areas, such as Delray Beach and Fort Lauderdale.

Mr. Peacock asked how the scholarship will be funded.

Mr. Gross stated the City Commission would have to approve the Board's suggested program and authorize funding. Mr. Gross stated the Board could also receive private donations to fund the scholarship program.

Mr. Peacock stated the scholarship should include a financial incentive and the finalists would be required to present their reports to the Historic Preservation Board for ranking.

Mr. Gutierrez stated the current budget for the Historic Preservation Board is approximately \$200 to be used for the Historic Preservation Award plaques, which cost about \$90 each.

Mr. Fredley stated he feels the Board should offer topic suggestions at the next Board meeting and the Board should agree on a topic at that time. Mr. Fredley stated the applications could be submitted by mail, with no entry fee, and then the finalists could present their reports at a Board meeting.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he will inquire about funding and provide the Board with an answer regarding available funding at the next meeting.

Mr. Peacock asked if the Board is in favor of keeping the project simple.

Mr. Trager and Mr. Fredley both stated they feel it should be kept simple.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he will contact the high school principals at Mainland and Seabreeze to determine the best way to make the students aware of the program.

Mr. Fort stated he feels the submittals should be in an essay format with accompanying illustrations.

Mr. Fredley stated he feels the essay should be between 500 to 1,000 words but not more than 1,000.

Mr. Fort stated at a previous meeting one of the Board members discussed not specifying the format and allowing the students to explore their creativity.

Mr. Peacock stated he does not feel that is appropriate for the first time the Board attempts such a project.

Dr. Stotland stated he feels the Board should focus more on content and it didn't matter to him if it was presented in either the Chicago or MLA style.

Mr. Fredley stated the Board members should provide a topic for the program at the next meeting so the Board can vote on final topics for the students to consider.

Mr. Gutierrez stated he will send a reminder to the Board members about bringing their suggested topics to the next Board meeting.

Public Comments:

Anne Ruby, 137 Park Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida stated she feels the scholarship idea is amazing and likes the proposed program. Ms. Ruby asked if the program will include private schools in Daytona Beach, such as Father Lopez. Ms. Ruby suggested having the top three of four essays that are submitted published in the Daytona Beach News-Journal, since the News-Journal seems interested in the blighted areas. Ms. Ruby suggested using CRA funds for the scholarship program.

Ms. Ruby stated she is working with a committee to preserve the Orange Avenue Rec Center and asked Board members if they are interested in participating in the project to contact her at anneruby@gmail.com

Board Action:

A motion was made by Mr. Fredley, seconded by Mr. Peacock, that the concept of the scholarship program be moved forward and that the program be limited to Daytona Beach proper high school students at Junior and Senior level for a monetary prize from \$250 to \$500 depending on available funding and that the submittals be in essay format with a limit of between 500 to 1,000 words, that could have accompanying illustrations if necessary, in either MLA or Chicago style format in order to reveal sources, based on a singular topic which will be agreed to by the Board which will address historic areas and blight.

The motion was amended to agree that the Board will evaluate the submittals to determine the winners and will be limited to students at the senior grade who attend high school located in Daytona Beach, both public and private, and the scholarship money awarded will be used for the student's education.

The motion carried.

7. **Other Business:**

Heritage Preservation Trust Report – Mr. Trager, Liaison

Mr. Trager stated he had nothing to report on the Heritage Preservation Trust.

8. **Staff Update:**

Mr. Gutierrez stated he had nothing to report.

9. **Public Comments:**

There were no public comments.

10. **Board Comments:**

There were no Board comments.

11. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.



Robert Fort, Chair



Becky Groom, Board Secretary