

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

March 21, 2023

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Historic Preservation Board of The City of Daytona Beach, Florida, held on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, City Hall, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Roll Call.**

Tracey Remark (Chair)	Present
Warren Trager (Secretary)	Present
Daniel Harshaw	Present
Timothy Nakasawa (late)	Present
Joseph Vetter	Present
Fernando Neves	Present
Thomas Makowski	Present
Ray Masone	Present

Also Present:

- Doug Gutierrez, Principal Planner
- Kira Honse, Assistant City Attorney
- Gina Fountain, Board Secretary

3. **Approval of Minutes**

Approval of the Minutes of the November 15, 2022, Regular Historic Preservation Board Meeting held at City Hall, 301 South Ridgewood Avenue, Daytona Beach, Florida.

Board Action

It was moved by Mr. Trager to approve minutes of the November 15, 2022 minutes with necessary corrections, seconded by Mr. Harshaw. The motion passed 7-to-0 with the breakdown as follows:

Tracey Remark(Chair)	Yea
Warren Trager (Secretary)	Yea
Daniel Harshaw	Yea
Thomas Makowski	Yea
Joseph Vetter	Yea
Fernando Neves	Yea
Ray Masone	Yea

4. **Discussions of Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Landmark, Historic Signage, and LDC Amendment for decks in Historic District**

A. **Jackie Robinson Ballpark National Landmark:**

Ms. Remark discussed her assigned task of speaking with Deric Feacher, City Manager and Derrick Henry, Mayor. She stated that she was informed by the City Manager-Feacher office to continue the process with staff and that Mayor Henry indicated he was 100% behind the project and please relay that message to the board members. She stated that Mr. Gutierrez reached out to Mr. Ruben Acosta, Survey and Registration Supervisor, Florida State Historic Preservation Office and was provided with the steps to pursue the National Historic Landmark. First was a phone call with Cynthia Walton and the NPS before preparing a letter of inquiry. It is a three to five year process. Ms. Remark discussed the National Park Service website and Mr. Acosta's letter informing us of a grant that the City can apply for in order to hire a consultant they usually charge \$100 an hour. The State offered to help with the inquiry letter and to be considered as such it needs to meet one or more of sic NHL criteria. For instance, one criteria is the location of the event that significantly impact American history overall. Given the fact that Ebbets field, where Jackie Robinson first played has been gone since 1960, this is where he first stepped onto a field, as a major league baseball player. There was discussed that Jackie Robinson Ballpark is the 3rd oldest ballpark in USA that is still in use by minor league teams was part of MLB. Ms. Remark listed the remaining criteria for Jackie Robinson Ballpark to be considered a National Landmark. There are only 2,600 National Landmarks in the entire USA, including Puerto Rico, with only 47 in Florida, which include Mary McLeod Bethune's home.

Board members inquired about who would begin the process of writing a letter of inquiry.

Ms. Honse stated that would be completed by the City Manager or Deputy City Manager because in the event of this being a process call, which may result in more questions being asked and additional information being requested. Also, Mr. Gutierrez could speak with Mr. James Morris, Deputy City Manager to determine the next steps to begin this process.

Board members discussed that Dr. Leonard Lempel, Bill Schumer, Bob Graham, and Ed Charles family members would be excellent resources to assist with this project. Also, Ms. Remark stated that if the National Park Service approves the letter of inquiry and gives approval to prepare the nomination, then they could apply for a DHR grant to hire a consultant. The grant only covers the preparation of the initial draft and the nomination process often requires multiple revisions that extend beyond the grant time. She said she would volunteer to write the letter to cut down on the cost.

Mr. Vetter stated that March 17, 2026 would be the 80th Anniversary when Jackie Robinson stepped on that ballfield and it would great if they could expediate the three year process to have this happen before the anniversary. The date was March 17, 1946 on St. Patrick's Day.

B. **Historic District Signage:**

Mr. Doug Gutierrez stated he spoke with Darren Greer, Traffic Division Administrator, Public Works, who stated the City does the signage for free but not on DOT County or State roads because of the permits required.

Ms. Remark presented the board members with her own personal zoning map from her time on the City's Planning Board that listed the boundaries in each district.

Board members discussed the size of the signage, location of the signage, the wording on the signage, and the completion of one of the six districts at a time.

C. LDC Amendment for Decks in Historic District:

Mr. Doug Gutierrez discussed the wording changes in the LDC Amendment for decks in the Historic District with board members.

Mr. Timothy Nakasawa provided a brief introduction of himself to the board members.

Ms. Remark informed Mr. Vetter that due to his absence from the previous meeting the board nominated him to be the Vice Chair. Mr. Vetter graciously accepted the position.

5. Other Business:

None

6. Staff Update:

Mr. Doug Gutierrez discussed the example of the County Comprehensive Plan showing one of the elements of the Comprehensive Plan being Historical Cultural Facilities. This was in the board member's folders. He stated the City Comprehensive Plan can be discussed over two meetings to make any changes or adjustments prior to forwarding to the Planning Board for review.

7. Public Comments:

There were no comments

8. Board Comments:

There were no further comments

9. Adjourn:

There being no further discussion or comments the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Tracey Remark, Chair

ATTEST:

Gina Fountain, Board Secretary