



SUMMARY MINUTES of the SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
of the HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
VENETIAN CENTER
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2nd, 2021 4:30 P.M.

The Historic Preservation Board of the City of Leesburg held its regular meeting Wednesday, November 2nd, 2021 at City Venetian Center. Chairman Henderson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Sanna Henderson
Guy Ross
Skellie Morris
Stewart Kaplan
Vickie Lingerfelt

The following members were absent:

Paige Chassie
Merle Skinner

City staff present included Sabrina Mitchell, Administrative Assistant II., Christine Rock, Senior Planner, and Dianne Pacewicz, Planner.

Dan Miller gave a brief explanation for tonight's meeting and stated with the increase in permitting, plan review and economic development activities of the Planning & Zoning office including customer inquiries, and endless meetings, he asked Christine Rock, Senior Planner to introduce and handle the new business case on the agenda today.

MINUTES

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES OF June 9, 2021 HPB MEETING

Minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting were presented for discussion/approval. Without objections or other discussions, **Commissioner Kaplan motioned to APPROVE, Commissioner Lingerfelt seconded the motion. The motion CARRIED unanimously by a 5-0 vote.**

DISCUSSION ITEM

1. 1202 SUNSHINE AVENUE – OUTSTANDING HISTORIC RESTORATION

Dan Miller stated that back in February we hired Christine Rock as a Senior Planner and she's going to be taking ownership of the Historic Board for the majority of the responsibilities and he asked her to take care of the Staff portion of these meetings and she's being doing a good job with it.

Chairman Henderson stated the homeowner was very excited to get the Outstanding Historic Restoration award and really appreciated it and mentioned if you ride around and look at houses that you know has changed let's nominate them and people appreciate that.

Board member Kaplan stated does our responsibility run into the interior of these homes or the just the exterior; Chairman Henderson replied we never talked about the interior just the exterior what you can see from the street.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner welcomed everybody to the Historic Preservation Board meeting, the Staff in attendance, and then announces the first item on the agenda.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner announced the Outstanding Historic Restoration Award at 1202 Sunshine Avenue as was recommended by the Board at the previous meeting; Staff placed the sign in their yard (month of October) and they were very excited and was loved it that you'll recognized their hard work and very much appreciated it; Staff will send a certificate; since they weren't able to attend tonight's meeting, here is an aerial map showing the general location of 1202 Sunshine Avenue. The Board doesn't have any jurisdiction within the inside of the house; but the homeowner has provided some pictures of the interior renovation that they would like to be shared with the Board. These photos show some features of the home that were maintained such as the tile floor and the molding around the door and windows. These photos show built in shelves as well as more molding around an entryway. These photos show an updated kitchen with a cutout into the main area and the bathroom has maintained the green tile back splash and floor.

Board Members and Dan Miller discussed how old is the house.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner stated she's not sure how old is the house; but will look it up on the registry and then replied the house was built in 1926.

Chairman Henderson stated if the Board has any suggestions for our next home.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner introduced the second item on the agenda.

2. 110 SOUTH 5TH STREET - MURAL

Christine Rock, Senior Planner gave a brief presentation and stated the existing mural on the Amsterdammer Tavern located at 110 South 5th Street. It is shown as a discussion item, however Staff requests that the Board hear the item as a regular agenda item and take a vote. The owner of the property is in the audience to answer any questions that the Board may have. Here is an aerial map showing the general location of the Amsterdammer Tavern. This slide shows the mural which is located on South 5th Street. This slide shows the mural and is looking south along South 5th Street. In the foreground you can see another mural that is located on the building for the Center of the Arts. The second picture is looking north along South 5th Street towards Main Street. The applicant is seeking approval for this mural. Please be reminded that during our last meeting in June, the Board approved a request from the Leesburg Center of the Arts for a downtown mural program to

add murals to existing buildings. Although this mural is not a part of that program, it does increase the amount of artwork in downtown Leesburg.

Board Members and Mr. Miller discussed the design on the mural; originally put up their had interesting silhouettes; significant number of complaints; called applicant; wasn't aware of the Historic issue, mural program; applicant wanted Staff to take mural to the Board, explained options, small bar(linear), pool table, couple of extra things; brew beer; plans, sports bar/restaurant concept; cutting a hole in wall; Staff standpoint; no issues, side street; other mural program; supported by Board; mural to remain, Main Street (major street) Staff standpoint; different, change, younger generation, energy, activity; good addition; maintain Main Street, side street; additional energy, different uses, different energy, owner of the building; former restaurant, will owner allow you to do plans; rental expansion, paint, on facade; murals; front doors; Main Street; Dan Miller stated that one might not be allowed; just on the door; possible, but preserve Main Street; Historic art; on the door come up and come down; Board decision, mural on side; go further, Downtown Business Association; discuss things like this; have meetings 1st Tuesday of the month, do we consider this a mural; whole building; Dan Miller replied considered a mural; Board decisions to extended to Main Street; considered a mural; artist painted the whole phase, nothing except color; face, certainly hope downtown Leesburg doesn't look like this; too much, not very happy with murals; approved permit; permitting process.

Dan Miller stated Mr. Vanderbeek talked to the owner of the building and owner said he didn't care. Mr. Vanderbeek didn't know about the permitting process; Staff called; regarding permit; come to Historic Board; any intent to do anything wrong, current size; fits in with mural program; downtown, staying on 5th Street, Main Street; historic, values, colors; attract people downtown; younger people to Leesburg; maintain Main Street; allowed, fit in with existing programs; start murals; in Spring, may not want to extend it downtown; business decision; come back to the Board, identity; welcome, happy place; works for me, like the size now; not whole street, Center for the Arts; Starry nights; like Mount Dora, murals; fairly small, previous restaurant; Pint Size Pub, food Amsterdammer Tavern LLC; video on Facebook, open up wall through contractor; background of building, go ahead with this, do not see going all the way to the corner; this isn't going to go any further than this; Dan Miller replied for today; additional murals, permits; required, review process; Board, Maria, from the Center of Arts; Dan Miller replied separate set of art and artists, separate program, mural committee; Dan Miller replied she was trying to put a committee together; and wanted to have someone on Staff to be on the committee.

Ron Vanderbeek stated he doesn't own the building, but the property owner will let him do his plans for the building; excited about it, and representative Carrie Ann Waddell stated for the record the mural will be on the front doors; on Main Street; if allowed, let people know where you are going, nothing extreme, not trying to create a problem, and stated she was born in Leesburg; (Waddell family) needs energy in Leesburg; grandfather had an Accounting shop; Magnolia Street, lots of things to do downtown; not now, bring vision, life, color, just fresh side street mural; if allowed go further; if not won't do it; same colors just to Main Street; just on wall, not face or murals; clean, fresh, and matches; front; all glass; on Main Street; nice, classy, face no silhouettes, clean artwork (famous artist) Dale Henry painting of inside/outside; same artist; inside/outside, going forward, showed video on cellphone of the inside of the building; Board, we have not been there; Downtown Business Association, whole phase painted by same artist, tie dye colors, hosted party; pulled in a lot of the Villagers; have great video on phone; want to see it, start out lighter; closer, darker, want to bring in fresh; goal, Veteran's fundraiser, motorcycle club, St. Jude; 20 to 30K raised, partnered up; Gator Harley, want to help Leesburg, video on Facebook; Amsterdammer Tavern LLC, small limited menu; draw in lunch crowd; open wall; contractor, walk into sports bar, back through; quieter spot, background of building; from Amsterdam.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner stated for the record to vote on murals as presented, and come back before the Board; to discuss expansion at a later meeting.

Chairman Henderson entertained a motion, and stated any other discussion from the Board.

BOARD MEMBER KAPLAN made a MOTION for APPROVAL of the 110 SOUTH 5TH STREET – MURALS AS PRESENTED – BOARD MEMBER MORRIS SECONDED the MOTION which CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY by a vote of 4-1.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Henderson mentioned the next Historic House of the month; go out to the end of Griffin Road turn right on CR 468; nursery; old house, have a friend of mine Dr. Holloway heard from the owners of the house and it's a little old house; don't know if it's in the City, and she wants Dan Miller to look into home to see if worth saving; if in the County; contact them, there's right hand side; nursery little wooden house; Dan Miller stated he will call Dr. Holloway and in that area the City limits jumps from the City to Fruitland Park; Chairman Henderson wants Dan Miller to check with Fruitland Park, and mentioned Dr. Holloway is interested in the fruit label business; didn't know about the Noels packing house; Holloway fruit label; wants information; Chairman Henderson wants Dan Miller to ask at the museum; Dan Miller replied he will talk to Dr. Holloway and go to the museum for the fruit label.

Christine Rock, Senior Planner stated if the Board have any other houses that they would recommend for Historic Restoration just let us know and we will take care of it; and announces the next meeting date for our quarterly meetings.

Dan Miller stated he has one correction for the house on 1202 Sunshine Avenue it was built in 1928 and then announces the birth of Careylee Simonds baby girl.

Board Member Lingerfelt stated where is the cut-off when it comes to Historical homes; just in case she starts looking; Dan Miller replied on the west side it's the wall behind 12th Street; houses included, wall is the line and runs up to the railroad track; roughly all the way down Canal Street; we will email everyone a new map. Christine Rock, Senior Planner replied we will provide the Board a Historic map.

Chairman Henderson stated to Dan Miller to check on North 12th Street, parking lot first; they've done a lot to it; across the street from the house for Habitat, painted light green, good size house, it's been there a long time; The Hanford's live there; Dr. Hanford; pharmacist from way back. Dan Miller announced that Board Member Chassie has been sick.

THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LEESBURG HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD IS NOVEMBER 24TH, 2021 (AS NEEDED BASIS)

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Sanna Henderson, Chair

Sabrina Mitchell
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