

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010 - 5:00 P.M.
CITY HALL FIRST FLOOR COMMISSION CHAMBER
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA**

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance 6/2009 through 5/2010	
		<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Susan McClellan, Chair	P	10	0
Matthew DeFelice, Vice Chair	P	5	0
Beauregard Cummings	A	5	5
Joyce Gardner	A	6	3
Marie Harrison	P	7	2
Daryl Jolly	A	4	6
David Kyner	P	1	1
Robert Prager	P	8	2
Robert Rojas	A	5	3
Scott Strawbridge	P	5	0

City Staff

Assistant City Attorney Carrie Sarver
Pat Garbe-Morillo, Planning and Zoning Department
Merrilyn Rathbun, Fort Lauderdale Historical Society, Consultant to HPB
Anthony Fajardo, Historic Preservation Board Liaison
B. Chiappetta, ProtoType Recording Secretary

Guests

David Baber, Broward County Historical Commission Administrator

Communication to the City Commission

None

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Purpose: Implement the City's historic preservation regulations, which promote the cultural, economic, educational and general welfare of the people of the City and of the public generally through the preservation and protection of historically or architecturally worthy structures.

Call to Order

Ms. McClellan called the meeting of the Historic Preservation Board to order at 5:03 p.m.

All members of the public wishing to address the Board on any item were sworn in.

Approval of Minutes of March and April 2010 Meetings

Motion made by Mr. Strawbridge, seconded by Ms. Harrison, to approve the minutes of the Board's March 2010 meeting. In a voice vote, Board approved unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. Strawbridge, seconded by Mr. Prager, to approve the minutes of the Board's April 2010 meeting. In a voice vote, Board approved unanimously.

Chair McClellan welcomed new Board member David Kyner.

1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

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Mr. Strawbridge nominated Mr. Prager for Chair but Mr. Prager declined.

Mr. Prager nominated Ms. McClellan for Chair, seconded by Mr. Strawbridge. In a voice vote, Board approved unanimously.

Ms. McClellan nominated Mr. DeFelice for Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Strawbridge. In a voice vote, Board approved unanimously.

2. For the Good of the City

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Proposed Amendments to the Historic Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Fajardo explained the City Commission had directed staff to look at the entire Historic Preservation Ordinance and to seek input from the HPB and the public, including Mr. Baber from the Broward County Historical Commission. At the previous meeting, Mr. Baber had distributed a draft of proposed changes to the ordinance that staff would present to the Board in sections for their comments. Mr. Fajardo advised the Board should vote on each section. He distributed a timeline for the process.

The first section he advised the Board to consider was 47-24.11.a through d, which addressed definitions. Chair McClellan asked if the Board should hold a workshop regarding the changes. Mr. Fajardo said staff had considered this and felt the Board could start by discussing the changes during its regular meetings. If the Board desired a workshop, staff would arrange it.

Regarding community input, Mr. Fajardo stated Mr. Baber was working with representatives from the Sailboat Bend Civic Association and members of the Ordinance Revision Committee. Ms. Sarver stated any input from any source would be presented to the Board to discuss and vote on. Mr. Strawbridge wanted to include property owners such as Bonnet House and Stranahan House and constituents such as the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation and perhaps the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society. Mr. Fajardo noted that they were starting with the original code's structure, but they may strike out language based on recommendations. He stated, "Everything's open to discussion."

Mr. Fajardo explained to Chair McClellan that the Board would be provided with a package of proposed changes this evening to review for their next meeting. They could also be provided a digital copy to share with any interested party. Chair McClellan remarked that there were many other references to historic preservation in other areas of the ULDR that they should consider.

Mr. Prager asked if he could consult with members of other City boards, such as Planning and Zoning, noting that a member of that Board had asked to see the proposed changes documents. Ms. Sarver cautioned that a Planning and Zoning Board member may be required to vote on an issue in the future, and agreed to email a copy of the document the Board received this evening to the member of the Planning and Zoning Board Mr. Prager mentioned.

Mr. Prager asked if the Board must follow the ULDR exactly or if exceptions could be made. Mr. Fajardo explained that the "entire ordinance is a law" but there were exceptions built into the code. If the Board wanted to recommend an exception, they could propose this. Mr. Fajardo stated individual variances to the code could be brought to the Board of Adjustment. They could also write special exceptions into the language. Mr. Fajardo informed Mr. Prager that certain portions of the code were not clear and were therefore open to interpretation by the Planning and Zoning Director. These interpretations could be overruled by the Board of Adjustment, and described how the process worked.

Mr. Fajardo referred to the documents he had distributed and noted 47-24.a.1 was from Mr. Baber, derived from the BCHC model ordinance.

Mr. Baber explained to Chair McClellan that they had tried to follow the existing code formatting, but this could be edited by staff for consistency. Ms. Sarver agreed she and

Mr. Fajardo would indicate an explanation of the changes on the digital document, and she would include a copy of the existing code for comparison. Mr. DeFelice requested a "contents list" to keep track of points they were covering.

Ms. Sarver informed the Board that the current code was still valid and the Board would hear cases based on the current code until the revision was complete.

Mr. DeFelice remembered discussion at the previous meeting regarding the validity of documents such as the historic inventories and site lists, and whether these should be used by the Board. Ms. Sarver stated the survey to which Mr. DeFelice referred had not been adopted by the City Commission and they had advised the consultant not to refer to this in her report.

Mr. Baber explained the document he had presented at the previous meeting had been edited somewhat. Mr. Fajardo agreed to send the current copy of Mr. Baber's document to Board members.

3. Communication to the City Commission

None

Other items and announcements

This item was taken out of order.

Ms. Morillo announced that the Florida Historic Trust meetings would take place on May 12 – 15 in Fort Meyers. She agreed to provide information to interested Board members.

Ms. Morillo stated the Certified Local Government (CLG) training would take place on June 22 at the Westside School, hosted by the Broward County Historical Commission. She encouraged Board members to attend. Ms. Morillo informed the Board that the second CLG training would take place on June 25 in Delray Beach.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Chairman,

Susan McClellan, Vice Chair

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Attest:

ProtoType Inc, Recording Secretary

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