

HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE City Commission Chambers City Hall

100 N Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301 Monday, August 1, 2022 - 5:00 P.M.

Cumulative Attendance
6/2022 through 5/2023

Board Members	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Jason Blank, Chair	Р	2	1
Arthur Marcus, Vice Chair	Р	3	0
Richard Bray	Р	3	0
Donald Karney	Р	3	0
Barbara Lynes	Р	3	0
David Parker	Α	2	1
Richard Rosa	Α	2	1
Tim Schiavone	Α	1	2

City Staff

Shari Wallen, Assistant City Attorney Trisha Logan, Principal Urban Planner Deandrea Moise, Urban Planner II Amanda Foor, Planning Assistant Jamie Opperlee, Recording Secretary, Prototype Inc.

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I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting of the Historic Preservation Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Blank noted that Mr. Schiavone asked that the record reflect he was out with COVID.

II. Determination of Quorum/Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: July 6, 2022

Motion made by Mr. Karney, seconded by Ms. Lynes: To approve the minutes of the July 6, 2022, meeting as presented. In a voice vote, the motion **passed 5-0**. Mr. Marcus asked the architectural significance of the boat house. Ms. Logan explained when reviewing secondary structures, staff looks at the main structure on the property and how it relates to that, but in this case the main structure had already been demolished. She stated any architectural detailing which had previously existed was no longer there, and noted drawings could not be located.

Chair Blank asked whether a quorum was present considering Mr. Bray's recusal. Discussion ensued regarding voting rules and the potential to contact an additional Board member.

Chair Blank called for a recess at 5:38 p.m.
Chair Blank called the meeting to order at 5:51 p.m.

Chair Blank stated there was not a quorum of voting members, and the item would be moved to the September 7 meeting.

V. Communication to the City Commission Index

None.

VI. Good of the City Index

a. Review of Proposed Amendment to Section 47-24.11 City of Fort Lauderdale Unified Land Development Regulations (ULDR) to Include an Option to Designate Thematic Historic Districts and to Amend Existing Historic Preservation Criteria and Procedures

Ms. Logan summarized the staff report, explaining the HPB had initiated the process with a Communication to the City Commission on October 4, 2021.

Ms. Logan reviewed a summary of the amendments to Section 47-24.11, Historic designation of landmarks, landmark site or buildings and certificate of appropriateness include the following:

- Proposed language that will incorporate the ability to designate a "Thematic Historic District" in the City of Fort Lauderdale; and
- Additional definitions for "applicant," "agent," "site improvement," "Thematic Historic District," "Thematic Historic Resource," and "visible from the public right-of-way," as well as updates to other definitions that further clarify the text contained within the ordinance; and
- Modifications to the historic designation section to clarify the application process and procedures for historic designation as well as to amend or rescind a historic designation; and
- Modifications to review criteria for Certificates of Appropriateness including general criteria and criteria for new construction; and

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- Proposed language to amend the administrative review process and (staff level review and approval) to add site improvements with reference to the City of Fort Lauderdale's Historic Preservation Design Guidelines; and
- Reference to Sections 166.03 and 553.79, Florida Statutes that affect our review process and procedures; and
- Miscellaneous edits to address any inconsistencies throughout the text to clarify the process for obtaining certificates of appropriateness and requirements.

Ms. Logan noted the public outreach which had been conducted and the proposal's consistency with the Comprehensive Plan. She explained the Board was not required to vote on the matter, but the Planning and Zoning Board would be voting and input from the HPB would be important to that process.

Chair Blank asked for clarification on definitions 39 and 40. He noted the words "geographically defined area" was vague and asked the reason behind the word "resource" instead of property. Ms. Logan explained the language used, and discussion ensued regarding the use of the word "resource."

Chair Blank noted inconsistencies in the capitalization of the word resource in definition 23.

Mr. Marcus asserted "geographically defined" is misleading, since the area does not have to be contiguous. Attorney Wallen stated that staff wanted to make sure the application includes a legal description. Discussion continued regarding the language, and it was recommended that the words "Geographically Defined Area(s)" be utilized.

Mr. Marcus asked for clarification on the process. Ms. Logan explained.

Mr. Bray stated he wanted the entire Board to have an opportunity to comment on the amendment, noting everyone was not present.

Chair Blank stated the item was in the backup materials distributed to all Board members.

Mr. Marcus added that the subject had been discussed previously.

Motion made by Mr. Marcus, seconded by Ms. Lynes:

Motion that the Historic Preservation Board supports the Thematic District Ordinance, subject to modifications as discussed.

In a voice vote, the motion passed 5-0.

b. Review Proposed Florida State Historic Marker Text for Rivermont Archaeological Site

Ms. Logan explained following review by the Board, the proposed Florida State Historic Marker text for the Rivermont Archaeological site would be submitted the State Historic Preservation Office for review. She shared a photo and the proposed marker text as follows:

Rivermont is an archaeological site that is part of what was once a large prehistoric site

complex located on the north bank of the New River, within today's Sailboat Bend Historic District. Once a thriving Tequesta village and ceremonial complex, this site holds at least 2000 years of documented prehistoric occupation and activity. The Tequesta were an indigenous people who predated the Seminole and inhabited southeast Florida from Boca Raton to Key West, and the Everglades. They were well adapted to the varied environments of south Florida. Rivermont is likely the best-preserved prehistoric site in eastern Broward County, representing one of the most intact and deepest surviving black earth middens on the New River and has been known since the 19th century, visited as early as 1908 by prominent American archaeologist, M.R. Harrington. Rivermont was locally designated by the City of Fort Lauderdale as an Archaeological Site in 2021 and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2022.

Mr. Marcus recommended a rendering be included to augment the text. Ms. Logan stated State markers do not allow images.

Chair Blank suggested removal of the words "that is" and replacement with a comma-

Chair Blank sought a motion of support, but no motion was made.

<u>Adjournment</u>

Ms. Logan introduced new staff members, Urban Planner II, Deandrea Moise,, and Planning Assistant, Amanda Foor.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m. The next regular meetings of the HPB are scheduled for Wednesday, September 7 and Monday, October 17.

Attest:

Prototype Inc. Recording Secretary

ason B. Blank, Chair

ARTHUR J. MARCOS

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http://www.fortlauderdale.gov/departments/city-clerk-s-office/board-and-committee-agendas-and-minutes/historic-preservation-board

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.