

Cultural Resources Review Board Minutes

Committee/Board/Agency: Cultural Resources Review Board

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, June 6, 2022 at 3:30 P.M.

Location/Address: St. Johns County Permit Building, Conference Room 1
4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL

Members Present: Robert Olson, Nick Jonihakis, Janet Jordan, Emily Jane Murray, Christine Newman

Commission Member Present: Waldron

Staff Present: Trey Asner, Ryan Mauch

Public Attendees: Sallie O'Hara, Jena Baker-Dennis, David Manaute, Paul Weaver

- Mr. Olson called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.
- Mr. Olson opened Public Comment for items not on the current agenda. No public comment.
- CRRB approved minutes for previous agenda.
- CRRB approved meeting agenda.
- Board discussed applications for full time board position.
- Board made motion for the recommendation of Blair Knighting to CRRB.
- Board discussed ad valorem tax exception.
- Mr. Asner spoke on the history 301 North Main in consideration of a historical designation and future recipient of an ad valorem tax exemption.
- Owner of 301 North Main, Ms. Baker, goes over the history of the structure and her experience with trying to inquire about ad valorem exemption. Mentions her investment of 600,000 dollars to date and her hope for the revitalization of Hastings. Mentions ideas of her and others in restoring Main street in Hastings.
- Ms. Baker mentions the grant funded community center to be built along North Main St and other grants to replace light posts and other infrastructure.
- Board discusses designation of 301 North as a significant cultural resource. Board agrees to designate 301 North Main as a significant cultural resource.
- Mr. Asner goes over the history of 5480 Atlantic View and alternatives to demolition.
- Mr. Manaute tells the board of his attempt to restore the house and obstacles that he has faced. Provided background information and history on his original proposal with modifications and how his setback variance request was denied by the PZA. Mr. Manaute would like to now demo the structure and donate or keep elements of its historic fabric, or donate the structure. Significant features of the house include a sliding glass door with a bullet hole still evident in the frame and burn marks in the floor from the 1964 attack on the house.
- Paul Weaver presented information on the history of the house and significant elements of it including the bullet holes and burns in the wood floors.
- Weaver mentions his HABS documents and ordinances for historic structures to preserve features of the structure.
- Weaver mentions the moving of the structure to perhaps Frank Butler Park. Donation of the structure and the contribution of 15,000 dollars.
- Mr. Olson talks about preserving the structure in the community.
- Mr. Weaver talks about keeping the structure open to the public.
- Ms. Newman inquires about the location of the sliding glass door and Mr. Manaute pointed out that is located at the rear of the property.
- Ms. Manaute discusses over the setback history.
- Mr. Jonihakis says there two are options, raze or moved.
- Historic preservation grants for renovation.
- Discussion by board and Weaver about possible relocation sites including Butler Park and Windswept Acres. Commissioner Waldron says that Butler Park is possible state owned.

- Discussion on state help, grants, help in general. Discussion on feasibility of moving since it is slab on grade. Addition on back of structure.
- Mr. Manaute mentions the idea of removing significant elements of the house and donating them or keeping possession of them including door frame and burned floors.
- Mr. Olson requests county to look into a historic variance to allow for the preservation of the house in place.
- Mr. Manaute worried about the apparent promise of neighbors to hold him in legal battles forever.
- Mr. Olson ask Mr. Asner what the options are. How to proceed.
- Mr. Weaver asks board if they are interested in a feasibility study for mitigation. Mr. Asner informs everyone that a mitigation plan had been formally requested for the property when the demo permit was filed.
- Mr. Olson asks Mr. Asner how to proceed. Mr. Asner states that it is an ongoing open discussion.
- Mr. Asner will await mitigation plan and go from there.
- Ms. Murray asks for the county to look into the creation of a historical variance.
- Mr. Asner goes over A1A survey and promises to present report and share its findings.
- Mr. Mauch discusses signs and markers grant.
- Mr. Olson adjourns meeting at 5:10 PM.

Board Member Reports

- None

Staff Member Reports

- A1A Survey and Signs and Markers Grant

Mr. Olson called the meeting to a close at 4:00 P.M.

Robert Olson-Chair _____ Trey Asner-Recorder