

Cultural Resources Review Board Minutes

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Committee/Board/Agency: Cultural Resources Review Board

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, February 13, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.

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

Members Present: Robert Olson, Janet Jordan, Christine Newman, Nick Jonahakis, Blair Knighting, Susan Schjelderup

Commission Liaison: Absent

Staff Present: Ryan Mauch, Jan Brewer, Kealey West

Public Attendees: Sallie O'Hara, Ed Slavin, Benjamin Brandau

- Mr. Jonahakis brought the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- Mr. Jonahakis opened Public Comment for items not on the current agenda.
- Public Comment: Mr. Brandau spoke about shellfish harvesting in the Matanzas River. Ed Slavin spoke about former County employee Trey Asner.
- Motion by Mr. Olson and seconded by Ms. Jordan, the minutes from the December 12th 2022 CRRB meeting were approved unanimously.
- **Item 1:** The Board finalized and Mr. Olson and Mr. Jonahakis signed both the analysis of the Haley's Court Sign and the Bluebird of Happiness as a Significant Cultural Resource located in Vilano Beach.
- Public Comment: Sallie O'Hara thanked the Board for the designation of Haley's Court Sign and Bluebird of Happiness
- **Item 2:** Scheduled County Public Works staff was unable to attend the meeting and provide an update on the proposed Hastings Community Center located on Main Street in Hastings. However, staff present was able to provide materials and renderings of the proposed building layout and look. Mr. Olson discussed that the architectural plans for the Community Center should at least be adapted to a storefront building design, reinforcing it as a pedestrian street with parking located in the rear and to ensure the visibility to the inside and outside which will add security to the building.
- Public Comment: Sallie O'Hara spoke on a potential Hastings historic district and requested staff to provide data from historic surveys conducted in the Hastings area.
- **Item 3:** Karen Taylor and Paul Weaver made a presentation on the architectural and artistic features, the HABS report and mitigation plan associated with the buildings located within the Westminster Woods PUD applications SMADJ 22-59 and COMM 22-102 to the CRRB. As this was a presentation item only, there was no action by the Board.
- The Board members asked about the project timing. Mr. Olson asked about the procedures of the CRRB relative to the two applications associated with the Westminster PUD. Ms. Newman asked about the archeological site and the landscape features identified on the property and the applicant stated that the archeological site will be preserved and the promenade is staying the same. Ms. Schjelderup asked about the Westminster Woods PUD applications and description of uses.
- Public Comment: Ed Slavin asked about the structures and trees on the Westminster Woods PUD campus. Chris Wickburg, Vice President of Westminster Services, spoke about an active group of members at the campus that have been a part of the preservation plan and an arborist report has been conducted for the specimen trees onsite.

Board Member Reports

- None

Staff Member Reports

- The fundraising effort for a potential relocation of the Canright House is still ongoing. Relocation is listed as an alternative within the mitigation plan submitted along with the demolition application for the structure.
- County Administration will provide an update on the potential future plans for the former Hastings High School structure whenever they are known. Currently, the St. Johns County School Board has no confirmed plans yet on the concept to use the structure as a First Coast Technical College campus.
- Mr. Jonahakis called the meeting to a close at 2:30 PM

Chairperson: Nick Jonahakis **Staff Recorder:** Ryan Mauch