

# ST. JOHNS COUNTY

## Cultural Resources Review Board

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Permit Center Conference Room 1  
4040 Lewis Speedway

Monday, October 13, 2025, 1:30:00 PM

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Leslee Keys, District 2, Chair  
Susan Schjelderup, District 4, Vice-Chair  
Blair Knighting, District 4  
Paul LeBlanc, District 3  
Walter O'Kon, District 2  
Nick Jonihakis, District 1  
Christine Newman, District 5

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

### STAFF PRESENT:

Megan Wright, Environmental Specialist  
Ryan Mauch, Environmental Supervisor  
Kealey West, Sr. Deputy County Attorney

- Call meeting to order
- Roll call for CRRB members
- Reading of the Public Notice statement
- CRRB Meeting Minutes for Board Approval: 08/11/2025
- Public Comments
  - Steve Glidden presented 10690 CR 13 N, his private residence, and reviewed the history of the structure and area. Discussion from CRRB members followed in understanding the history of the structure, area, potential lease/selling agreements, and for the potential of County staff to write a letter of recommendation to the Land Acquisition Management Program (LAMP) board members to review. Consensus for staff to draft a letter to the LAMP board for the purchase of this property as a museum.

### BOARD ITEMS

#### 1. Discussion of Vilano Beach area as a potential National Register Historic District (NRHD)

On August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the CRRB requested staff to provide information for a potential National Register Historic District for part of the Vilano Beach Area.

Megan Wright presented details pertaining to the potential boundary within Vilano Beach including size, outline, history of the area, structures that may be included and existing entities/groups in the area such as Main Street Vilano, North Coastal Overlay District and the Vilano Beach Town Center Overlay.

Board discussion: Chair Keys shared major concepts such as properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places in relation to federal undertaking or state undertaking, impacts on permitting, development of roads, and ad valorem tax exemption. Discussion followed from other Board Members regarding ad valorem tax exemption, the origin of this request, the GAI survey and the purview of the CRRB.

Public Comment: Linda LaCerva, former Executive Director for Vilano Main Street, spoke in opposition to the potential NRHD in Vilano Beach. LaCerva requested more time, to put this discussion on hold, which may allow for community groups to understand this process.

Vivian Browning, past founding President of Vilano Beach Town Center and current President of North Shores Improvement Association, spoke in opposition to the potential NRHD in Vilano Beach. With five years remaining in the Vilano Beach Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), Browning believes that the timing is not right.

Sallie O'Hara, representing the Friends of A1A Scenic & Historic Coastal Byway, spoke in support of the potential NRHD in Vilano Beach. O'Hara believes this designation is a mechanism to announce to citizens that there is historic property and the NRHD will compliment other regulatory groups in the area.

Additional Discussion: Clarification regarding the process of boundary expansion, noticing given to property owners nearby the potential district and purview of the CRRB.

**Motion to recommend the BOCC study the entire Vilano Beach area for the possibility of the consideration for a nomination as a National Register Historic District, with the research including established community groups, by Chair Keys second by Vice Chair Schjelderup. (Motion Passes 7/0).**

- Board Reports

Chair Keys: Chair Keys shared that she will be in attendance for the St Johns County Legislative Delegation Meeting on 10/27/2025, to provide a public comment on historic preservation grants and potential funding sources.

Member Newman inquired about the potential landmarking for the Cary White house. Wright informed the Board that the applicant has not reached back out to County staff.

There will be a Hastings Fall Festival this month on October 25 & 26, 2025.

- Staff Reports: OCA updated Elections will be held in December to vote in new Chair and Vice Chair.

OCA explained that the CRRB is a collegial board. Therefore, Board members must add future agenda items by consensus while in the meeting.

LeBlanc: More than just a letter for follow up for the Picolata discussion and letter to LAMP. Request to add it to the December agenda as an update.

Chair Keys requested an update on the process for Vilano Beach NRHD on the December agenda.

- Meeting Adjourned at 2:42 pm

Minutes approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Chair

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