

**HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD (JHRB)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jamie Stuve at 6:00 P.M.

Present were: Chair Jamie Stuve, Board Members Nicolette Asselin, Trisha Estabrook; Teri Grooms, Yanmei Li and Debi Murray; Thomas Baird, Town Attorney; Mr. David Kemp, Planning and Zoning Staff Liaison; and Ms. Catherine Baglia, Secretary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Approval of Agenda:

Board Member Teri Grooms moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice-Chairperson Debi Murray; motion passed unanimously.

2. Citizen Comments: None

3. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2019:

Vice-Chairperson Debi Murray moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Board Member Teri Grooms; motion passed unanimously.

4. Prioritization of Projects for 2019 - Board Action Required:

Mr. Kemp read the 2018 List of Historic Resources Board Priorities and the 2019 List of Historic Resources Board Staff Recommended Priorities (Exhibit 2 of the agenda). He noted the items that had been completed or were in the process of completion. He asked the Board for their comments and suggestions.

Board Mem. Grooms asked Staff why the Old Town Hall historic designation was in the long term list. Mr. Kemp stated that since the structure was Town owned, it was not in jeopardy of being destroyed. He added that the Old Town Hall surrounding area was prone to flooding and the issue would need to be addressed.

Board Mem. Grooms asked Staff about the proposed future uses for the Aicher house. Mr. Kemp informed the Board that Mayor Wodraska had proposed utilizing the structure for an ecotourism use.

Board Mem. Grooms was opposed to having the inside of the Aicher house closed to the public. Vice-Chair Murray suggested, if air-conditioning were installed, using it as a meeting room in the winter months or as a related Train Depot use. She stated that the first priority should be to make the structure stable and secure.

Chair Stuve suggested that the Board advise the Town Council on any proposed uses for the Aicher house. She agreed with Vice-Chair Murray that making the structure stable and secure should be the first priority.

Mr. Kemp informed the Board that Staff would be receiving enclosed bids next week for enclosing the back side of the structure. Included in this fiscal budget year would be the installation of the deck and ramp. He added that potentially the installation of air-conditioning in the Train Depot and the Aicher house would be proposed in the next fiscal budget year for 2020.

Chair Stuve informed the Board that she had met with the Mayor who had expressed his frustrations regarding the Aicher house's slow progress. She suggested having all the work completed all at once, so the structure could be completed and utilized in an earlier timeframe.

Board Mem. Li asked Staff if the Town was allowed to solicit funding for the restoration. Mr. Kemp replied yes. He informed the Board that Staff was currently working with the Loxahatchee Guild due to their interest in both the restoration of the Aicher house and Train Depot.

Board Mem. Grooms asked Staff about selling Train Depot souvenirs to help defray the costs of the upkeep of the structure. Mr. Kemp replied that he would need to look into the idea.

Chair Stuve expressed her opinion that the Loxahatchee Guild would not likely be interested in contributing donations if the future use proposed is other than an historic preservation related one. She suggested advising the Town Council on the matter.

Board Mem. Grooms asked Staff if the Sawfish Bay property had any usage restrictions. Mr. Kemp explained that part of the Sawfish Bay Park property where the Train Depot and Aicher house are located does not currently have any usage restrictions.

Board Mem. Grooms ask Staff if usage restrictions could be placed on the property. Mr. Kemp replied that the Town Council could place usage restrictions on the property. He noted that the Board could add the item to the short term priority list.

Vice-Chair Murray suggested that Staff research the uses and restrictions on the property.

Chair Stuve asked the Board if that should be #2 under the short term list. The Board agreed with her.

Vice-Chair Murray asked if the fourth item, Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse, under long term would be for a local designation since it is already on the National Historic Register. Mr. Kemp explained that it is protected now but if it were to change ownership, it could potentially be unprotected.

Vice-Chair Murray suggested that the Suni Sands site FL Marker, #3 on the long term list be lowered down on the list.

Board Mem. Grooms asked if the Sperry Boathouse FL Marker needed to stay on the list since it had been demolished. Mr. Kemp explained to the Board that the Suni Sands site has archeological significance while the Sperry Boathouse has historical significance.

Chair Stuve asked if the item "Sperry Boathouse FL Marker" could be changed to "Sperry Estate including the Boathouse FL Marker".

The Board was in agreement that #3, the "Suni Sands site FL Marker" be moved to #7 or #8 on the long term list so it is before or after the "Sperry Estate including the Boathouse FL Marker".

Chair Stuve read the Board's suggested prioritizing as shown below.

2019 List of Historic Resources Board Priorities

Short Term Priorities

- 1st 1913 Aicher House restoration and LD¹
- 2nd Train Depot Museum and Aicher House Use²
- 3rd Complete incentives (including a grant program) to entice property owners to locally designate and/or create historic districts (including Center Street)²
- 4th Cinquez Park FL Marker
- 5th Cinquez Park Interpretive Signs

Long Term Priorities

- 1st Limestone Creek FL Marker
- 2nd Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse (including 360 degrees of light beam emanation from the lamp room) LD

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| 3 rd | Old Town Hall LD |
| 4 th | Jupiter Presbyterian Church LD |
| 5 th | Jupiter Elementary School LD |
| 6 th | Riverbend Park LD |
| 7 th | Suni Sands site FL Marker |
| 8 th | Sperry Estate including the Boathouse FL Marker |

¹ = Local designation or other protective measures

² = 2019 Historic District/Area Creation Strategic Result

Vice-Chair Debi Murray made a motion to approve the “2019 List of Historic Resources Board Priorities” as so stated by Chairperson Jamie Stuve; seconded by Board Member Nicolette Asselin; motion passed unanimously.

5. **Cinquez Park Neighborhood Florida Historical Marker (FHM) – Board Action Required:**

Mr. Kemp informed the Board that the text, Exhibit 3 of the agenda, had been provided by Chair Stuve. He referenced Exhibit 4 of the agenda showing the proposed location of the marker. He asked the Board for their comments or suggestions.

Board Mem. Asselin had the following suggestions:

- Revise the third sentence to read “To serve the African Americans segregated by the Jim Crow laws and attitudes, in this area then known as West Jupiter, a close-knit community was created by pioneers with small businesses, churches, schools, baseball fields, and a volunteer fire station.” to emphasize the African American neighborhood.
- Revise the last sentence to read, “The preserved area is the central green that served as a gathering place for this unique community, while today no structures remain.”

Board Mem. Grooms suggested taking out “while today no structures remain.” in the last sentence.

Vice-Chair Murray had the following suggestions:

- Revise the second sentence to read “...South Carolina homesteading 40, 80, and 160-acre tracts under the 1862 Homestead Act.”.
- Revise the fifth sentence to read “Their hard work helped to build a thriving Jupiter.”
- Remove the word “historic” before “neighborhood in the sixth sentence”.
- Add a comma after “80” in the second sentence and add after the word “boats” in the fourth sentence.

Board Mem. Grooms suggested revising the fifth sentence to read “...54 acres to create the neighborhood.” Vice-Chair Murray suggested “...54 acres, naming the development and its roads after prominent black historic figures. The most notable was Joseph Cinquez....”.

Chair Stuve read the Board’s suggested revised text, “In the 1940s, Peter Yancy, an African American real estate developer, purchased and subdivided 54 acres, naming both the development and its roads after prominent Black historic figures. The most notable was Joseph Cinquez, who in 1839 led an uprising on the slave ship *Amistad*. The preserved central green is the area that served as a gathering space for this unique community.”

Board Member Teri Grooms made a motion to accept the Board’s revisions to the Cinquez Park Neighborhood Florida Historical Marker text; seconded by Board Member Nicolette Asselin; motion passed unanimously.

6. Staff Updates:

a. 2019 Southeast Regional Historic Preservation Commission Training:

Mr. Kemp reviewed the draft 2019 Southeast Regional Historic Preservation Commission Training agenda (Exhibit 5 of the agenda). He informed the Board that the Town would be hosting the training that will be held at the Civic Center on Monday, April 1st and Tuesday, April 2nd.

b. Town historic designation incentives, including a grant program:

Mr. Kemp informed the Board that the item would be going to the March 19, 2019 Town Council hearing.

c. Archaeological Certificate to Dig Process and PowerPoint Presentation:

Mr. Kemp reviewed the Archaeological Certificate to Dig (CTD) Process, Exhibit 6 of the agenda, with the Board and shared a PowerPoint presentation. He answered the Board's questions regarding the CTD process.

7. Board Comments:

Board Mem. Grooms commented on the need for the Historic Resources Board to have a separate social media website page, such as a Facebook page. She asked for direction on the process of obtaining one.

After a discussion by the Board, Chair Stuve suggested that the item be brought up as an item on the next meeting's agenda. She suggested initially enhancing the Town's current Historic Resources Board web page.

ADJOURN: Chair Jamie Stuve adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M.

The next Jupiter Historic Resources Board Meeting will be on April 25, 2019

Catherine Baglia, Secretary

Jamie Stuve, Chairperson