Historic NSB Preservation Commission Meeting December 13, 2023, at 5:30 pm

Video of the meeting can be found here:

Board members present: Joanna Mahood (chair), Lianne Bennett, Terry Bledsoe, Katherine Kaufman, and Douglas Toth.

Absent: Dr. Angeline Barretta-Herman and Stephanie Thomas-Rees.

Others Present: Senior Planner Robert Mathen, Assistant City Attorney Shey McCurdy, and Development Services Coordinator Stephanie Ferrara.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES for the September 20, 2023, and October 11, 2023, meetings were approved.

Public Participation: None

New Business/Discussion Items

4.A VS-1-23: Review a request to designate an existing pole sign as a vintage sign on property located at 1103 North Dixie Freeway.

The sign is for the Pappas Drive-in & Family Restaurant, and the sign has been in its current location since 1991. The original cabinet was reinstalled this year after repairs. The owner has submitted a permit request for a new sign based on the original sign but updated to meet current building codes that would go in the original housing. City staff recommends approval of the request.

Currently all pole signs within the city are required to be removed by November 29, 2024, and no new pole sign permits are being issued. However, designation as a vintage sign by the Commission allows for some signs to remain. There is currently one sign with vintage designation approved by the Commission at Southern Paint, 605 S. Dixie Freeway.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request.

4.B VS-2-23: Review a request to designate an existing pole sign as a vintage sign on property located at 1115 North Dixie Freeway.

The sign is for the Pappas Plaza. It was constructed in 1986 and has Greek-influeced design elements. The property owner provided a copy of a newspaper article recounting a public event attended by approximately 3000 people that he held when the plaza was opened.

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve the request.

4.C Approval of the Historic Preservation Commission 2024 Regular Meeting Schedule 4.D Selection of the 2024 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Historic Preservation Commission

The following schedule was approved:

March 13. June 12, September 11, December 11 firm meeting dates, with tentative dates set aside in all other months during the year.

Selection of the 2024 Chairperson and Vice Chairperson for the Historic Preservation Commission

Joanna Mahood was unanimously re-elected as Chairperson for the Commission.

Stephanie Thomas-Rees was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chairperson for the Commission.

Committee Comments

Commissioner Kaufman inquired whether there were any applicants for Donnadine Miller Award. There have been none, so they will continue to advertise the awards.

Chair Mahood stated she had received an inquiry about placing signs on city landmarks. There are 16 landmarks and there is a landmark map. Staff will look into options for this and place the topic on the March 2024 meeting agenda.

Commissioner Toth asked for an update on the Chapter 50 revisions. A public meeting was held and was well attended. The City Commission will have a workshop to discuss how to move forward with this.

Chair Mahood inquired about the status of the Women's Club building. The property has not been advertised yet and they are still working on the RFP's pending appraisals.

Staff Comments

As a follow-up from the last meeting, the city-owned building at 120 Flagler Avenue is estimated to have been built in 1915 based on a 1916 Sanborn Fire map. The building was not on the previous (1912) map.

The 2022-2023 Certified Local Government (CLG) yearly report, which was submitted to the State prior to the November 30, 2023 deadline, was provided with the agenda materials.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2024