



City of Gainesville Historic Preservation Board

MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, September 10, 2024
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Roberta Lisle Kline Conference Room, City Hall,
200 East University Avenue

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Reeves called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Vivian Filer	Present	
Phil Haight	Present	
Liz Hauck		Absent (excused)
Michelle Hazen	Present	
Jay Reeves (Chair)	Present	
Bill Warinner (Vice-chair)	Present	
George Wilson		Absent (excused)
Kathleen Kauffman (Staff)	Present	

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion made by Bill Warinner to adopt the agenda, 2nd by Vivian Filer
Motion carried, 5-0.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve minutes from August 6, 2024 Bill Warinner, 2nd by Michelle Hazen.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may comment on any item on this agenda that is not a part of the public hearings.

A. Codes and Building Departments – Dangerous Building notification/request for demolition of structure located at 507 NW 2nd Street, Pleasant Street Historic District.



Tana Silva – talked about how this is also a sustainability issue. Why aren't we getting these properties under control before they must be demolished?

Dottie Faisby – spoke about how it's a shame another old structure in Pleasant Street is going to have to be demolished. These should be protected by being in a historic district.

Erica Mollon – demolitions in general, they should be required to salvage usable building materials and historic features, this is about education and outreach as well

Motion made by Bill Warinner, 2nd by Vivian Filer, to address this issue of home abandonment and our lack to really do anything about it in the annual report to the City Commission.

Motion carried, 5-0.

Melanie Barr – spoke about the importance of saving historic building materials and not letting it all go to a landfill. Also wanted to reiterate on public record that she is trying to save the whole block of buildings that Holy Trinity wants to demolish.

Kristen Thompson – came back to board to ask for help with the house on University that did all of the work without permits. It was explained that unfortunately because the property has already been to the Special Magistrate, those orders must first be complied with, the Board cannot discuss the issue any further at the moment but would be happy to try and help the new owner as best we can to resolve the code enforcement issues.

Pam Lahiff – thinks there should be a general preservation group that can unite all of the different historic districts and interested people, to give group tours of the districts, provide articles to the newsletters, etc. (This was a role previously filled by Historic Gainesville, Inc but that organization doesn't exist anymore). The Board agreed with Ms. Lahiff but noted this cannot be a subcommittee of the HP Board. It would have to be an outside organization.

VI. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Swearing in of the Public

B. Requests for Deferral

C. Continued Items

D. New Items

PH1 – COA 24-000-046

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to install 8 benches along the Sweetwater Branch, on both sides of NE Boulevard, from NE 15th Avenue to NE 10th Avenue. The applicant is the Duckpond Neighborhood Association. This is in the Northeast Historic District.



Motion to approve COA24-000-046 with conditions made by Bill Warinner, 2nd by Vivian Filer. Condition 1: the benches shall be the metal option, not the wood, Condition 2: the benches shall include a sleeping inhibitor.

Motion carried, 5-0.

PH2 – COA 24-000-074

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) to install solar panels at 700 NE 7th Street, in the Northeast Historic District.

Motion to approve COA 24-000-074 made by Michelle Hazen, 2nd by Bill Warinner.

Motion carried, 5-0.

PH3 – HISTORIC DESIGNATION (LOCAL)

Petition by owner Bill Bryson to locally designate as a historic site 233 West University Avenue, also known as the Florida Theater.

Motion to send historic designation to City Commission for approval made by Michelle Hazen, 2nd by Phil Haight.

Motion carried, 5-0.

VII. OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

A. Board “Items of Interest” were provided by email

VIII. STAFF UPDATES

Staff welcomed the UF students that were in the audience and also noted that Sal Cumella, a former Historic Preservation Officer for the City, was back in town as the new Director for the Matheson Museum.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Reeves adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.



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