



Historic Preservation Board Minutes

December 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting
401 S. Park Avenue | Winter Park, Florida

Call to Order

Chairman John Skolfield called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Present In-Person: Anne Sallee, Wade Miller, John Skolfield, N. Lee Rambeau, Aimee Spencer, Drew Henner, and Karen James. Staff: Principal Planner, Jeff Briggs; Planner III, John Harbilas; Planner I, Nicholas Lewis; Planning Specialist, Aaron Hull; and Recording Secretary, Mary Bush.

Consent Agenda

Motion made by Karen James, seconded by Anne Sallee to approve the November 10, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Staff Updates

Mr. Briggs updated the Board on next month's meeting noting that it will be held on the third Wednesday of the month instead of the second and that the Communication's Department will be there to discuss the 2022 awareness plan. Mr. Briggs informed the Board that Aaron Hull will be reaching out to the historic districts about getting plaques for conforming houses. Mr. Briggs also informed the Board that he will be working on getting historic landmark signs for Central Park, Park Avenue, the original Winter Park Telephone Company location, and the Eastbank House.

Public Comments (for items not on Agenda)

No one from the public wished to speak. The public hearing was closed.

Non-Action Items

No non-action items.

Action Items

No action items.

Public Hearings

- HAD 22-01. Request of the City of Winter Park to designate the Winter Park City Hall building, located at 401 S. Park Avenue, built in 1964, to the Winter Park Register of Historic Places

Mr. Briggs explained the historical background of the 1964 Winter Park City Hall building including the architectural significance of the building and the architects who designed it. Mr. Briggs showed exterior and interior pictures of city hall throughout its sixty-year history. Mr. Briggs described the architectural style as mid-century style and discussed how Rachel Simmons from the library helped gather this information. Mr. Briggs emphasized the importance of the scale, setbacks, and green space that was implemented in the building of city hall.

Staff recommendation was for approval.

Brief discussion by the Board ensued expressing the importance of the building, memories of the building, and the excitement for designating the location as historical.

Brooks Weiss of 4314 Golf Cove, New Smyrna Beach, FL addressed the Board. Mr. Weiss discussed his excitement for the designation and offered his help if possible.

Correction of Resolution made by Mrs. Rambeau to correct the wording of the description of the building in the fourth paragraph of the resolution to mid-century style.

Motion made by Wade Miller, seconded by Aimee Spencer, for approval to designate the Winter Park City Hall building at 401 S. Park Avenue, to the Winter Park Register of Historic Places

Motion carried unanimously with a 7-0 vote.

Board Comments

Mr. Miller noted he got a mailer that showed one of the houses that was designated by the Board and showed the publicity it is bringing to the Historic Preservation Board.

Chairman Skolfield asked Mr. Briggs if there were any updates on houses that had come to the Board for approval on renovations. Mr. Briggs informed the Board that the house located at 546 Holt Avenue is still in the plans to be renovated and the house located at 723 Maryland Avenue decided to just do an interior renovation instead of an exterior renovation. Chairman Skolfield asked if the house on 807 Maryland Avenue has any updates. Mr. Briggs updated the Board that there is a storm sewage pipe under that house that has to be relocated before any construction can start. Chairman Skolfield asked if the house located at 420 Melrose Avenue has started any construction yet and Mr. Briggs informed he saw a permit come through for construction to start. Chairman Skolfield explained he uses this information to inform future buyers, realtors, or developers of the options they have with a historic property. Discussion ensued among the Board about this topic.

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

/s/ Aaron Hull.

Approved by Board on January 19, 2022.