

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (HPC) MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2022 9:30 A.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VERO BEACH, FLORIDA**

PRESENT: Diane Miller, Vice Chairman; Members: John Roberts and Taylor Dingle **Also Present:** Jason Jeffries, Planning Director and Tammy Bursick, City Clerk

Excused Absence: Mrs. Jessica Francis

1. CALL TO ORDER

The City Clerk performed the roll call.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) September 8, 2022

Mr. Dingle made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

4. OLD BUSINESS

A) Request to Planning Director to produce Historic Preservation Flyers

Mr. Jason Jeffries, Planning Director, stated that he was happy to produce the Historic Preservation flyers for the Commission. He will start out with having 1,000 brochures printed and if more are needed to let him know. Places that the brochures could be placed at are Downtown MainStreet, the Historic Society, Real estate offices, the Chamber of Commerce, and City Hall.

B) Update from the Planning Director on the historic piece of property located on Royal Palm Blvd.

Mr. Jeffries reported that the site plan for this piece of property has been signed off by the Planning Department and the Building Department has issued the necessary permits. He expressed that at one time this building was going to be torn down. He was so happy to see that it was being preserved.

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Jeffries if he knew of any cases that would be coming before the Historic Preservation Commission in the near future.

Mr. Jeffries recalled that he spoke to someone who owns a home that was interested in having it designated historic. They needed to do some research on the home to find out the history. It was built prior to the founding of the City. However, the house has been altered and has lost some of its integrity, which will have to be looked at. He told the property owner to work with the Historic Society to see if they could give him any information regarding the house.

Mrs. Miller asked for an update on Szechuan Palace.

Mr. Jeffries did not know what was going on with Szechuan Palace. He said that the property owner has not initiated that the site be designated historic. However, it is a structure that could be at risk.

Mr. Jeffries brought up the old Patio Restaurant and noted that he was not sure what was going on with that property. He noticed where some of the items located inside the building were being auctioned off, which they may be losing some integrity of that building by doing that.

Mr. Roberts asked if they were pursuing looking at having the Power Plant designated historic.

Mr. Jeffries reported that he had the site looked at for historic preservation by Mr. Paul Weaver and was told the site could be designated historic because of the mid-century design. They determined it was probably designed by an architect who is from Jacksonville and who has had a lot of his designs designated historic. In order to use tax credits they would want a lot of the integrity retained in the Power Plant, which might not be possible because of the redesign of the whole property. He felt it was unlikely that the property would be designated historic.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6. MEMBER'S MATTERS

None

7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

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