



Planning & Historic Preservation Board

Tuesday • June 22, 2021 • 7:00pm
Minutes Regularly Scheduled Meeting

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance to Flag:
3. Roll Call:

Board Members		
Ann Baird	--	Present
Marian Baron, Vice Chair	--	Present
Stephen Elder	--	Present
Dakota Johnson	--	Present
Fro Warren, Chair	--	Present
Andrea Parker, Town Attorney	--	Present
Sara Owen, Town Administrator	--	Present
Patty Polk, Deputy Town Clerk	--	Present
4. Consent Agenda Approval:
 1. Agenda Approval
 2. Minutes of Regular Meeting May 25, 2021
 - Motion made and seconded (Elder/Baron) to approve the consent agenda as submitted;**
 - Motion amended and seconded (Elder/Baron) to edit the minutes as follows: add “or an” to line 8, word 4 and withstanding should be two words; passed 5-0**
5. Citizens Forum: None
6. Public Hearings: None
7. New Business
 - A. Certified Local Government (CLG) – Bring status up to date. Sara Owen, Town Administrator, presented a slide show and discussion ensued. Since 2016 we have been out of good standing with CLG. We will need to have better communication with minutes and annual reports. There are many benefits to being a CLG and one of them is that it's easier to qualify for grants. Town staff will begin the process of reestablishing our good standing with CLG. Board members are interested in training programs and will be notified via email when training opportunities arise. Chair Warren had a few questions. In the Florida Certified Local Government Guidelines, page 3.2a. All commission members must have a demonstrated interest in historic preservation. Chair Warren questioned, “How do you demonstrate that you have an interest in historic preservation?” Ms. Owen has read this boards resumes and she believes that this board qualifies. Page 4.2i. Each commission member should make a reasonable effort to attend State Historic Preservation Office training programs. Chair Warren stated that if the training is close by then they could attend. Page 6.C1a. The appropriate local official shall request certification from the State Historic Preservation Officer. Chair Warren questioned who is the appropriate local official? The answer is Sara Owen. Page 6.1a5. Each board member will need to provide a resume at our next meeting. Page 7.2e. The certified local government shall submit an annual report and other documents as necessary to the State Historic Preservation Officer within 30 calendar days after receipt. The answer is town staff, Sara Owen responded that our annual report will suffice. Page 8.3a. Each Certified Local Government is eligible to request a portion of funds reserved from Florida’s annual Historic Preservation Fund grant apportionment on a competitive basis. Selection criteria for such competition will be announced at least two months prior to the grant selection meeting. Chair Warren stated that this is on a competitive basis; bring ideas to this board. Sara Owen responded that these grants have to meet certain criteria and we should look at this. Training will be provided via Zoom and the town will cover any costs associated with training.

B. Increase minimum size lots for subdivision at selected locations of the perimeter of Town (Preliminary selected locations Tusawilla Rd and Whiting St) Marian Baron presented and discussed her desire to increase the lot size requirement within a subdivision to prevent urban sprawl; possibly 1 acre lots. This would not pertain to current ¼ or ½ acre lots, it would pertain to new subdivisions. Attorney Parker stated that if the board moves forward with this then our land planner would need to be involved as they are the experts. Mike Roberts questioned if this would require a town charter change? Attorney Parker responded that if there is language in the town charter regarding subdivision then the charter would need to be changed. Attorney Parker cautioned that because there are two commissioners in attendance tonight, they need to be cautious of stating their opinions as this topic may come before the town commission in the future. Marian Baron would like to have the resident's opinion on this topic to see how they feel about it. Discussion ensued at length. Keep this item on the agenda.

C. Tusawilla Road Scenic Highway Designation – Discuss implementation of scenic road – Marian Baron presented. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Elder/Baron) to invite the Town Commission to discuss implementation of the Tusawilla scenic road within the Town limits; passed 5-0

D. Prohibiting Commercial Vehicles – Mayor Aufmuth directed this board to discuss this topic. Marian Baron presented the desire to prevent big rigs of a certain weight bearing and height from driving in Micanopy. Steve Elder suggested that the town commission implement an ordinance requiring all trucks in town have only one axle. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Elder/Baron) to recommend to the town commission to only allow single axle trucks in town and install signs; passed 5-0

Attorney Parker stated that it's not as simple as restricting trucks with a blanket prohibition. Restrictions have to tie into the health and safety of the town; there has to be exceptions to businesses in town.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Speeding on Tusawilla Road and Seminary Ave – Marian Baran stated that report does not have enough detail to be useful. We will know more after we receive the speed spy results with specific times of day. They would like a new speed test and more patrols with more tickets given. Discussion ensued.

Motion made and seconded (Baron/Elder) to request that the speeding is retested and detail based to reevaluate the test; passed 5-0

B. Bicentennial Celebration – Patty Polk presented information from Vi Asmuth, Micanopy Historical Preservation Society. They are putting on a play written and directed by Vi Asmuth which is a drama, historical fiction and fact, and is titled Stirring the Leaves. The dates are November 12 and 13, 2021 and they will sell tickets to reserve seating; \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children.

C. Dollar General (DG) Update – Homer Jack Moore (153 NW Seminary Ave) discussed the Alachua County Meeting that he attended today. The county commissioners are discussing lowering the footprint of future businesses. He personally takes the position that he is not against having a DG in Micanopy but it needs to be in a more appropriate location. Discussion ensued at length.

Homer Jack Moore, 153 NW Seminary Ave, is working with the Micanopy Historic Trust and they are speaking to an attorney regarding the DG; Mike Roberts gave him Attorney Jim Grays telephone number. Wayne Cope, 16513 SE Co Rd 234, spoke on the dollar general and the higher crime rate around these types of stores; he curious of other locations that the DG might consider. Sara Owen clarified that the P&HPB is not reaching out to an attorney. Chair Warren responded that the board is not, and an individual on this board may pursue an attorney but not on behalf of the board.

D. Alachua County Municipal Code Article XVI – Special Area Plans – Tabled until next month.

E. Sun Dial Downtown Median – Girl Scouts Troop 452 are working on a plan to relocate the sundial – Patty Polk presented that Girl Scout Troop 452 is interested in relocating the sundial and will discuss this after the summer break. Chair Warren presented a pictorial and a scaled drawing of the southernmost island downtown.

9. Board Member Comments:

- Marian Baron (Seat 1) – The joint commission meeting with the Alachua County Commission went very well and she is very proud of our Town Commission on how well prepared they were and how they ran the meeting. Happy 4th of July.
- Ann B. Baird (Seat 2) – None
- Stephen (Dakota) Johnson (Seat 3) – None
- Stephen Elder (Seat 5) – None

10. Chair Fro Warren (Seat 4) Report: Chair Warren had no comments.

11. Adjournment 9:14 pm.

MINUTES APPROVED:

As submitted _____ As amended _____ at Planning & Historic Preservation Board Meeting _____

JP Warren, Chair

Patty S Polk, Recorder