Cultural Resources Review Board Minutes

Committee/Board/Agency: Cultural Resources Review Board

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, April 4, 2022 at 3:30 P.M.

Location/Address: St. Johns County Permit Building, Conference Room 1

4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL

Members Present: Robert Olson, Janet Jordan, Nancy Dering Mock, Christine Newman

Commission Member Present: Absent Staff Present: Ryan Mauch, Trey Asner

Public Attendees: Sallie O'Hara

- Mr. Olson brought the meeting to order at 3:30pm.
- Mr. Olson opened Public Comment for items not on the current agenda.
- Ms. Sallie O'Hara spoke about the Vilano Beach Town Center and several properties that were sold.
 Ms. O'Hara stated that the CRRB needs to stay ahead of the curve in terms of the Cultural Significance and preservation of the town center area.
- Mr. Olson closed public comment.
- Trey Asner introduced himself as the new CRRB staff liaison
- Mr. Mauch provided an update on the two Cultural Resource small matching State Grants 1) Historical Properties Survey of A1A and 2) St. Johns County Cultural Resources Interpretation Program. The A1A survey was completed and a draft report is due by early May 2022. Board members expressed interest in additional structures located south of Vilano Road. The project area of the survey included areas on either side of Vilano Rd., but did not include areas south of Vilano Rd. Staff stated to the Board to provide specific properties for these locations so that staff may follow-up. Mr. Olson stated that these may be examples modernist mid-century period structures. For the Cultural Resources Interpretation Program, staff stated that the finalized text for markers and panels is progressing with the signage company and the timeline for both grant-funded projects as potentially to be completed by late May.
- Minutes of February were approved as corrected (spelling as Sallie O'Hara).
- Public Comment: Sallie O'Hara spoke about an audio tour about the Nease House and other signage text in the Vilano Beach area (Pier).
- Mr. Asner discussed a future vision to include bringing more attention to cultural resources by having more public input through potential workshops. The Board discussed the potential to establish a historic-based overlay area in Hastings.
- Mr. Asner discussed a structural restoration project as an example and the Board discussed active public cultural resource groups such as the St. Augustine Historical Society.
- Ms. Newman asked about the Hastings High School report and the Board asked about the potential
 for recommending it as a Landmark Nomination. Staff will provide the Board with an update on this
 structure for the next meeting, including a study of costs of reuse of the building and status of the
 County's current intent with this building. Mr. Olson called the meeting to a close at 4:20 P.M

Board Member Reports

None

Staff Member Reports

None