

Cultural Resources Review Board Minutes

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Committee/Board/Agency: Cultural Resources Review Board

Date/Time of Meeting: Monday, December 12, 2022 at 1:30 P.M.

Location/Address: St. Johns County Permit Building, Conference Room 1
4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL

Members Present: Robert Olson, Janet Jordan, Christine Newman, Nick Jonahakis, Blair Knighting

Commission Liaison: Absent

Staff Present: Ryan Mauch, Jan Brewer

Public Attendees: Sallie O'Hara, Ed Slavin, TJ Jackson, Jenna Baker

- Mr. Olson brought the meeting to order at 1:30pm.
- Mr. Olson opened Public Comment for items not on the current agenda.
- Public Comment: Ed Slavin spoke on various issues including about former and current County staff and the Hastings Library building.
- Item 1: Dana Cress, GAI Consultants, Inc., the consultant that conducted the A1A Historic structure survey, provided a summary of the history of coastal St. Johns County and the results of the survey. Board members asked questions about the survey.
- Public Comment: None. Sallie O'Hara suggested her presentation should be heard next as it is associated with the A1A Historic survey. The Board agreed to flip Item's 2 and 3 on the agenda.
- Item 3: Sallie O'Hara presented "Vilano Beach Then and Now: Preserving this special place for the next generation." Staff spoke on the process of designating a significant cultural resource and the board members had several questions about the process. Sallie O'Hara requested that the Bluebird of Happiness and Haley's Court Sign, both located in Vilano Beach, to be designated as significant cultural resources. Christine Newman made a motion to designate the two resources which was seconded by Janet Jordan. Motion passed unanimously. Motion was made by Blair Knighting recommending to seek an additional grant to expand the boundaries of the A1A Historic survey. Seconded by Christine Newman. Motion Passed.
- Public Comment: Ed Slavin spoke about the Vilano Beach presentation and supported the motion to expand the A1A historic survey. Ed Slavin also spoke about former Cultural Resource review staff at the County. Jenna Baker stated that she was interested in the discussion on the former Hastings High School building, but then had to depart the meeting.
- Item 2: Sarah Newell (County Administration staff) provided an update to the Board members on the former Hastings High School building and property and funds that have been allocated for the creation of a First Coast Technical College campus there. Mr. Olson asked if there has been a feasibility study on the current condition and future use of the building. The future use of the building lies with the decision of the School District with creating the First Coast Technical College campus. Discussion continued on local designation of the Historic Hastings High School as a landmark and that the building already has national landmark status.
- Public Comment: Jena Baker made a comment on the Hastings area and that the former Hastings High School building has a roof leak. Ed Slavin made a comment about the feasibility study on the building and also a comment on former County cultural review staff.
- Staff will provide additional information on timing of the building on the February meeting agenda.

- Item 4: Staff provided an updated on the fund-raising effort with the potential relocation of the Canright House located at 5480 Atlantic View.
- Public Comment: TJ Jackson provided additional information on the fundraising effort for the Canright House. Ed Slavin spoke on former County cultural review staff.
- Item 5: The CRRB elected Nick Jonihakis as Board Chair and Christine Newman and Vice Chair. Motion to recommend Janet Jordan and Susan Schjelderup as candidates to fill the vacancies currently on the Board. Motion passes. One vacancy on the Board remains and will be re-advertised.

Board Member Reports

- Mr. Olson and Ms. Newman spoke on their experience with former County employee Trey Asner and that the cultural resource review board needs to be supported by staff trained in cultural resources.

Staff Member Reports

- Staff stated that Commissioner Krista Joseph is now the liaison to the CRRB
- Mr. Olson called the meeting to a close at 2:09 PM

Chairperson: Robert Olson **Recorder:** Ryan Mauch