

ST. JOHNS COUNTY Cultural Resources Review Board

CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD

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Leslee Keys



REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

4040 Lewis Speedway
Conference Room 1

Commissioner Krista Joseph, BCC Liaison
Hali Barkley, Staff Liaison

Monday, April 8, 2024, 1:30 PM

Link to recording: <https://youtu.be/iY0oFSK9qSM>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Jonihakis, Chair
Christine Newman, Vice Chair
Robert Olson
Janet Jordan
Susan Schjelderup
Blair Knighting
Leslee Keys

STAFF PRESENT:

Hali Barkley, Environmental and Cultural Resource Specialist
Kyrsten Gage, Environmental Specialist

PUBLIC PRESENT:

Sallie O'Hara, Hastings Main Street, Inc
Ed Slavin, Call-in, Edslavin.com

- ❖ Call meeting to order at 1:30pm
- ❖ General public comment for items not on the agenda – 3 minutes per speaker
 - Ed Slavin expressed his concern over the cancellation of the February CRRB meeting.
- ❖ Approval of meeting minutes from December 11, 2023 meeting
 - Motion by Blair Knighting seconded by Susan Schjelderup (motion passes 7/0)
- ❖ Approval of current agenda
 - Motion by Robert Olson seconded by Leslee Keys (motion passes 7/0)

AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment for items on the Agenda will be held after each item is addressed by the Board (3 minutes)

1. Structure Survey Process & National Register District Process – Hali Barkley

- Hali Barkley presented details of the survey process and National Register District process. Ms. Barkley explained that a grant would be needed for the county to conduct the survey and a district National Register listing is a community driven initiative. Ms. Barkley requested direction from the board to proceed with a grant application to initiate a survey.
- Board Discussion: The board discussed the proposed area of the survey; the board considered factors like resiliency, public support, and financial capabilities; the board mentioned properties in Vilano Beach area that they recommended an update to their documentation by staff; the board discussed Significant Cultural Resources around South A1A Corridor; the board went over the timeline of the grant application and survey completion.

- Motion by Dr. Keys to submit a grant application to extend the A1A Historic Resource Survey to include the South A1A Corridor including Crescent Beach and adjacent communities and direct staff to update the Florida Master Site File for the Sinclair Lewis house seconded by Ms. Knighting (motion passes 7/0).
- Motion by Ms. Knighting to direct staff to survey the houses along Ferrol Road with assistance from a board member as appropriate seconded by Ms. Schjelderup (motion passes 7/0).
- Ms. Barkley stated she would check with leadership to determine if staff can complete the Florida Master Site Files and surveys in the Vilano Beach area as requested.
- Public Comment: None.

2. **Hastings Main Street, Inc** – Sallie O’Hara

- Sallie O’Hara presented a summary of Hastings history and of the Hastings Main Street, Inc work to date that the group and community has been doing to revitalize Hastings. Ms. O’Hara communicated the upcoming projects along Hastings Main Street.
- Public Comment: Ed Slavin expressed his support of a National Historic District designation for the Hastings Main Street area.
- Board Discussion: The board expressed their appreciation and support for the work being done in Hastings and advised Ms. O’Hara to let them know what they can do to assist in their efforts; Mr. Olson gave credit to Trey Asner for initiating the discussion of the moving of the train depots from the airport to Hastings; the board suggested overlay district historic criteria for Main Street Hastings.

❖ **Board Member Reports**: Dr. Keys reported that Barrancotto’s Restaurant got approved as a County Landmark; she reminded the board that the Florida Black History Museum St. Johns County application is under consideration; she mentioned the 250th anniversary of the Bartram Trail and America 250.

❖ **Staff Reports**: Ms. Barkley reported on the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption that was approved by the BCC for a property within St. Augustine city limits; she announced the Lodge and Hut National Register designation; she let the board know that the May 21st BCC meeting will include a National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation and an exhibit of Town of Hastings Historic Documents; she updated the board on the relocation of the Canright house to Collier Blocker Puryear Park.

❖ **Adjourned at 3:02pm**

Minutes approved on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Chair
Cultural Resource Review Board

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