

A G E N D A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION May 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM Zoom Call

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Call to Order

Welcome

Consideration of Minutes

- 1. March Minutes
- 2. April Minutes

Old Business

- 2. Mid Island Historic District Update
- 3. Historic Signage Projects
- <u>4.</u> Equity/Inclusion Initiative Update
- 5. Special Districts Discussion
- 6. Historic Building Maintenance

New Business

8. Historic Preservation Month Tour Info

Permit Review

<u>Adjournment</u>

TYBEE ISLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 3/8/21; 6:00 PM

Present: Fidelia Fowler, Holly Grell-Lawe, Sarah Jones, Michelle Owens, Anthony Turpin,

Marty Harrell

Absent: Spec Hosti

Guests: Rev. June Johnson, Forever Tybee; Mary Anne Butler, Tybee resident, Bob

Ciucevich, Quatrefoil Consulting

Location: Zoom Call

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Fidelia Fowler at 6:00 PM.

Minutes for Consideration - February 8, 2021

Fidelia Fowler moved to approve minutes. Marty Harrell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

<u>Central District Designation</u> – Bob Ciucevich gave an update on his work to apply for historic designation for the mid-island area. He is finalizing the application. The tentative boundaries for the new Central District will be: South of 6th Street; North of 11th / 12th Streets' East of Strand; West side of Jones Avenue. This district presently does not include Memorial Park. Bob needs to supply more documentation to the State preservation office about the history of Memorial Park to try to get it included. The area near Venetian Terrace is not included due to too many intrusions. The new district will include nearly all of the raised Tybee Cottages, the Fresh Air Home and the former railroad station. Bob also shared that the City Hall is in the final stages of review for historic status.

<u>Story Board Signage Project</u> – Michelle has applied for an \$8,500 grant to help install all the story boards at once. If the grant is not received, we will revert to the original plan to do approx. 5 to 6 boards per year. Sarah has started the historical research for each story board.

<u>Equity/Inclusion Initiative</u> - Michelle met with TybeeMLK members Julia Pearce and Pat Leiby at the pier with a county representative. The county agreed to erect a historical sign at the pier denoting the civil rights wade-ins that occurred on Tybee. Michelle is working with the Tybee MLK organization to finalize Juneteenth Banners. The city IT staff is working on an equity and inclusion web page for the city's web site.

Special Districts – The commission agreed to hold a work session to examine pros and cons of various special districts that could help preserve local neighborhoods such as the North Campbell Subdivision. The meeting will be held March 22, 6 p.m. on Zoom.

Historic Property Maintenance – Fidelia Fowler updated that the guardhouse was being landscaped and prepped for painting by the City. The city was waiting for the weather to improve before painting. Fidelia will visit the site to see if the painting has started.

Board Member Application – Mary Anne Butler has applied to be on the commission. The board reviewed her application. Mary Anne was in attendance and introduced herself. Marty Harrell moved to approve Mary Anne's application. Fidelia Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The application will be forwarded to city council for final approval.

New Business

<u>Historic Preservation Month</u> – Fidelia Fowler suggested we begin planning for Historic Preservation Month, which occurs in May. Sarah Jones will offer free admission to the lighthouse for locals and resident tours of the battery. The commission discussed sharing before and after photos of historic buildings on social media. Fidelia recommended also sharing stories of what happened in history on certain days in May. Fidelia will review old city council minutes to get content. Michelle will look into getting a commemorative magnet or other promotional item that can be given away during the month.

Permit Reviews

3 Jones Avenue approved to replace a sliding glass door.

Adjournment

Fidelia Fowler moved to adjourn. Holly Grell-Lawe seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

TYBEE ISLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: 4/12/21; 6:00 PM

Present: Holly Grell-Lawe, Michelle Owens, Mary Ann Butler, Spec Hosti

Absent: Anthony Turpin, Fidelia Fowler, Marty Harrell, Sarah Jones

Guests: Rev. June Johnson, Forever Tybee; Nancy Quan, Savannah Morning News

Location: Zoom Call

Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM.

Minutes for Consideration – March 8, 2021

Quorum not present. Minutes not approved.

Old Business

<u>Central District Designation</u> – Michelle reached out to Bob Ciucevich at Quartrefoil Consulting and asked for an invoice for work completed on the mid-island historic designation to date. She is waiting for his response.

<u>Story Board Signage Project</u> – Storyboards for the historic Tybee Wade In have been installed near the Tybee Island Lighthouse. We did not get the grant to do all signage at once as we had hoped. We will follow our original plan to do at least five per year. Sarah is conducting research and design.

<u>Equity/Inclusion Initiative</u> - Web page is completed. Juneteenth banners are ordered. Michelle met with TybeeMLK and county representatives to discuss placing a historic sign commemorating the Wade In at the entrance of the pier.

Historic Property Maintenance –

Board Member Application – Mary Anne Butler has applied to be on the commission. The board reviewed her application. Mary Anne was in attendance and introduced herself. Marty Harrell moved to approve Mary Anne's application. Fidelia Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The application will be forwarded to city council for final approval. The TybeeMLK Juneteenth celebration is planned for June 19.

Special Districts – Original meeting was cancelled and needs to be rescheduled. Holly would like to make sure that North Campbell neighborhood residents are included in any discussions

about options to protect the area. Michelle will find out more information about who worked on the conservation district for the Parkside neighborhood in Savannah.

Historic Building Maintenance – The Guardhouse repainting is complete. Michelle coordinated a meeting for State Department of Community Affairs, a group of preservationists and Eldo Hartz, owner of Carbo House, to explore preservation options for the historic building. The group will put together a proposal for Mr. Hartz on ways to fund the preservation of the Carbo House. Mary Anne Butler expressed an interest in touring the Carbo House. Michelle shared that a trolley tour had been scheduled to view that building and other historic properties on the island. She will work on getting that rescheduled.

New Business

<u>Historic Preservation Month</u> – Sarah will be offering free tours of the battery and free lighthouse admission for residents. Members can attend a special Historic Preservation Month training offered by National Main Street program. Michelle will register interested members.

Permit Reviews

No permit reviews

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.