



**Tybee Island
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

Meeting Minutes

Date & Time: February 14, 2022 6PM

Present: Holly Grell-Lawe, Sarah Jones, Spec Hosti, Cassidi Kendrick Marty Harrell, Mary Anne Butler, Michael Sergi, George Shaw, Bubba Hughes, Mike Goldberg,

Absent:

Observers: Jan Will, North Campbell Subdivision Dawn Shay, Forever Tybee, Pat Leiby, Tybee MLK

Location: Burke Day Public Safety Building, Conference Room, 78 Van Home Ave.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Cassidi Kendrick at 5:58PM. Quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes

1. **December Minutes-** were approved, Marty made a motion and Mike seconded. Holly had a question about the minutes because it stated that October minutes were approved at the December meeting but the December minutes also stated that a quorum was not present. Cassidi will check with Michelle about this.
2. **January Minutes-** approved, Mike made a motion and Holly seconded.

Old Business

1. **Conservation District Overlay-** Bubba Hughes, City Attorney for Tybee, attended with George Shaw to discuss the Conservation Overlay District. Holly gave some historic knowledge of the project and the North Campbell Neighborhood. Sarah created a draft ordinance, using the ordinance that Savannah adopted as a template. George mentioned he knew of the Savannah Ordinance, and believed that it was focused on preventing demolition, a demo permit would not be issued depending on the age of the structure. Bubba was concerned that due to the lack of an established historic district, it may not be permitted due to state law. Holly asked if the "staff review" portion of the ordinance and who deems a structure to be of historic significance. Cassidi reiterated that the HPC Board is an advisory board that can provide insight and feedback/recommendations to the City Council. Sarah added that the 2016 Historical Resource Survey should be referenced in the ordinance as a common source of information for those involved with the enforcement of the ordinance. As a result of this discussion, Cassidi asked that all HPC board members provide feedback on the draft ordinance and Sarah and Cassidi will review the feedback before the next meeting.



2. **Board Vacancies-** Michael Sergi attended the meeting and introduced himself to the HPC Board. He was approved to fill the vacant seat, Holly made a motion and Marty seconded.
3. **Historic Preservation Month-** Sarah shared that the story boards are completed, working on getting approval for sites for panels. The project will be a cost share between the City and the Historical Society. Pat Leiby asked if there could be a storyboard of the black history on Tybee done. Sarah is happy to create one when the information is shared with her. Cassidi and Sarah will work together on the scavenger hunt for the month of May.

New Business

1. **Permit Review-** There was a demo permit request for 104 17th Street. Several board members mentioned possible repurposing of materials suggestions for the property owner. Sarah Jones also mentioned the 708 Butler Ave. Property. It is currently being looked at for development of a gated neighborhood. Sarah has sent a letter to the Planning Commission stating her concerns for this historic property. Several of the HPC board members plan to speak at the next council meeting about this.
2. **Guidelines for Lifting Historic Homes-** George Shaw mentioned that the City has applied for a grant to raise 49 homes on Tybee. He is asked for HPC assistance with creating guidelines for lifting historic homes because Tybee does not have any. He shared an example of Charleston's guidelines for lifting historic homes, theirs are more strict than what we are looking for but an example.
3. **Update from Tybee MLK-** Pat Lieby gave an update on projects the Tybee MLK is working on. She shared some photos and information on the "Oyster House". She said they would consider being open for a tour. There are also several Tybee MLK Events in February at the Post Theater.

Announcements

Holly asked if there could be a hybrid option for the upcoming HPC meetings to ensure having a quorum. Cassidi will check with Michelle about the technology available.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.