

CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1001 IDLEWILD AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024 – 6:30 PM



MINUTES

Call to Order 6:33 PM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Charles Sohm, Vice Chairman Chris Gay, Secretary Lesley Davidson, Christina Treadway, Donna Snelling, Janey Fox, Jerry Casale, Lynn Powers, Kevin Hurley, and Micah Barth.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Kim Thomas

GUESTS: Debra Gay, Raymond Ferrara, Ramona Ferrara

Chairman to call on members of the audience wishing to address the Council on matters not on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Discussion and approval of CAC minutes for November 2023. After discussion regarding what was covered in the November CAC meeting regarding Sunshine Laws as applied to the Friends of the Rivers House, the November 2023 minutes were voted to be modified with the following addition: "AMENDED to say, Refer to recording of November 2023 CAC members for more information." And clarification that November 2023 minutes section 5d should state "County Representative" vs "Preservation Board Chairman."

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

2. Micah Barth was sworn-in and Christina Treadway and Cheryl Starnes were reinstated.
3. Beautification Subcommittee update:
 - a) Code compliance issues, proposed retention pond on properties adjacent to Spring Park, and general issues such as dumpsters are appropriate for CAC Beautification Subcommittee to send to GCS Code Enforcement.
 - b) The Aesthetic Review Committee asks, "What does Green Cove Springs want to be?" and presents the following recommendation be submitted to GCS City Council: "City and commercial properties must portray an external style consistent with those in evidence in the City of Green Cove Springs between 1850 and 1939. Guidance can be found in the Designation description for the Historic Quarter in the National Register of Historic Places of 11 FEB 1991. Such restrictions would be confined to the Historic Central Business District. New style requirements would also be imposed on the change of lease for an existing commercial property or at the time of remodel. Would apply to all new construction projects and or remodels. Intent is to establish a "mood" that encourages foot traffic and shopping." A motion was made by Chris Gay, seconded by Janey Fox. Motion carried.

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- c) The Rivers House Request for Proposals has been extended as there were issues with receipt of bids.
4. Old Business. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clay County regarding installation of historic markers. The CAC asks GCS city council to ask Clay County why they are precluding funding to Green Cove Springs for having state of Florida historic markers installed. And, the CAC asks the city attorney to meet with county and ask why GCS is excluded and to create a MOU with the county for historical markers including giving the county permission to install historic markers on Green Cove Springs city property, where applicable. Jerry Casale said he would volunteer to attend the city council meeting on behalf of CAC. Guest Raymond Ferrara asks if Green Cove Springs has street signs that designate the historic quarter, such as "Historic Walnut Street."
5. New Business. The next public Form Based Code meeting will be 6pm, January 18, 2024 at city hall.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Lesley J. Davidson, PE, Secretary, CAC



Charles Sohm, Chairman, CAC