Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes February 14, 2018
Meeting held at the Mid County Regional Library.

Committee Members
Sue Blackwell (73/98)
Carol Leonard (21/27)
Dianne Munson (29/42)
Scot Shively (91/101)
Pat Spence (19/24)
Valerie Colbert (6/7)
Kent Kretzler (2/3)
Kelly Gaylord (1/1)
Vacant

Present
Sue Blackwell
Dianne Munson
Scot Shively
Pat Spence
Valerie Colbert
Kent Kretzler
Kelly Gaylord

Not Present
Carol Leonard

BOCC Liaison:
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Guests
Pat Winters (Genealogical Society)
Linda Roberts

Staff
Lanette Hart, Libraries & History
Annette Snapp, Historian

9:07 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call – Meeting called to order with quorum. Minutes from January meeting were not available. Pat Winter was advised to submit an application to be on the Historical Advisory Committee.

Old Business:
Placida Bridge Tender building update- Lanette Hart indicated that the cost to move the building and place on a foundation is estimated to cost $25-$37K and she communicated with Captain Marian this information. She has not heard back from Captain Marian who continues to be interested in moving it to Boca Grande as well. Lanette Hart indicated that she would follow up with Captain Marian.

Trabue Woods to Punta Gorda Historic District update – Scot Shively indicated that there is an interest by the City of Punta Gorda in changing the name Trabue Woods Historic District to East, West, and Business Historic District. As with many proposals, it is controversial. The Punta Gorda Historic Preservation Advisory Board will talk about this at their meeting on February 22, the Planning Commission and Public Hearing will discuss this at their February 26 meeting, and on March 21, the City Council will hear a first reading on this proposed change. Discussion ensued about how this issue arose and different sides of it. There were many perspectives expressed.

Historic Preservation Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan – Sue Blackwell asked about the status of the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Lanette Hart indicated that we are preparing to sit down with Community Development and the County attorney’s office to work on updating the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Sue Blackwell further asked about the Comprehensive Plan and expressed concern that the Historic Preservation Element no longer exists and that language is instead embedded throughout the elements of the Comprehensive Plan and difficult to find. Lanette Hart indicated that we can address the difficulty in finding the historic language through different potential approaches, including putting all of the historic language together in one place online.

New Business:
Sale of El Jobean properties associated with THE BEAN and the El Jobean Hotel – Lanette Hart said that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board discussed the fact that this property is for sale and it was decided to send it to the Historical Advisory Committee. There are six parcels for sale and the property is split. Pat Spence indicated that there are some features that are original to THE BEAN and the hotel, but it is not on sewer and not scheduled to be put on sewer.

Scot Shively indicated that the owner had approached the HAC in years past to request funding to conduct restoration of the hotel. The owner has a complete historic preservation plan. Pat Spence indicated that at one time, the owner had investors to support restoration. Scot Shively suggested that the hotel be documented through drawings and measurements given its rich history with Suicide Simon and the MGM movies filmed there, and that drawings and measurements of THE BEAN also be undertaken. Lanette Hart indicated that the County would take under consideration the possibility of approaching the current owner to see if he is amenable to having the buildings documented. The discussion concluded with the observation that this is not a property the County is likely to be interested in purchasing.
Grant application for waterside historical markers submitted to the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) – Scot Shively reported that the grant has been submitted and that we await an invitation from the MAC to attend their meeting when the committee will ask questions about grant applications and decide the funding for them. Scot provided a handout showing guidelines that the County uses for the installation of Blueway water markers. He recommended that research on the histories associated with these markers begin now while we await the invitation notice.

**Historical Development/Reviews:**
Sunseeker Resort update – Annette Snapp provided handouts that included a Summary of Preservation Outcomes for the Sunseeker Resort. Lanette Hart reported that we have advised Community Development that an archaeological survey be in the conditions for the development. Annette Snapp went over the Summary of Preservation Outcomes for each of the six non-contributing structures that are within the Charlotte Harbor Town Historic District. For this project, it is anticipated that all 6 will be demolished and the Charlotte County Historical Center is advising Community Development that all of them be documented in some fashion. It was noted that streetscape photos will be taken by staff to capture the visual context of the area. Additionally, there is an opportunity to informally work with the developer if there is are any special historic features worth preserving.

Lanette Hart provided an update on the Placida Fisheries. She stated that she has advised Community Development that we would like a full cultural resource management survey on the Placida Fisheries proposed project area.

**Archives & Collections:**
Initial coordination with the owner of the Howard collection (circa mid-1870s, Solana area) – Annette Snapp stated that Scot Shively arranged to meet Debbie Jamieson, a descendent of Jarvis Howard of the Howard diaries and collection which includes early writings of the area including Punta Gorda before it was established. Ms. Jamieson is interested in finding a location where the Howard Collection can be taken care of properly. Annette Snapp stated that they answered her questions about the kinds of resources the County has to care for collections such as hers.

Scot Shively reported that Debbie Jamieson wanted to make sure that her family would have access to the collections once donated which is something that the County can easily accommodate and that she seemed interested in donating this rare collection to the Charlotte County Historical Center. She asked for bequest language that could be used to donate to the county. It was suggested that providing bequest language be a high priority. Scot Shively also suggested that Debbie Jamieson be provided with a tour of the archives so that she can see it. Lanette Hart also recommended arranging to meet the owner of the Howard collection (circa mid-1870s, Solana area) – Annette Snapp went over a Summary of Preservation Outcomes for each of the six non-contributing structures that are within the Charlotte Harbor Town Historic District. For this project, it is anticipated that all 6 will be demolished and the Charlotte County Historical Center is advising Community Development that all of them be documented in some fashion. It was noted that streetscape photos will be taken by staff to capture the visual context of the area. Additionally, there is an opportunity to informally work with the developer if there is are any special historic features worth preserving.

**Historical Markers:**
Hickory Bluff Mounds marker – on hold due to hurricane damage at Live Oak Point Park, awaiting reschedule. Albert Gilchrist marker – on hold due to hurricane damage at Indian Spring Cemetery, awaiting reschedule. Four proposed waterside markers – Scot Shively indicated that research on the four waterside markers would begin right away and that Sewah (sign manufacturer) might be able to provide a protective coating for marine environments. It was suggested that waterproof trackers be put on signs in case of storm loss of signs over water. Other proposed markers for nomination list:
1. Fisherman's Village - Trabue Family – as a City of Punta Gorda marker (submitted by Dianne Munson).
2. Harry Goulding -- as a City of Punta Gorda marker (submitted by Paul Stamouls).
4. Don Rankin – Family Marker -- Scot Shively to speak to Punta Gorda Historic Preservation Board since this would also be a Punta Gorda marker (submitted by Dianne Munson). Don Rankin willing to pay for the marker.
5. Ponce DeLeon marker – (submitted by Kent Kretzler) replacement of missing marker. This marker also falls within the City of Punta Gorda. Scot Shively to coordinate with Kent Kretzler about who to coordinate with regarding a Ponce DeLeon marker.

Missing and damaged historic markers discussed. Updated list will be provided at next Historic Advisory Committee.

**Historical Center:**
Staff provided an update on upcoming events.
Citizen Input:
Linda Roberts indicated that regarding the demolition of historic buildings in the past, there was a phrase included in the historical review concerning the reuse of materials: "In the interest of historic preservation we advise you to salvage as much as you can."

Member Input:
Members shared information on the different organizations they are involved in.

Adjournment - 11:00 A.M.

Next HAC Meeting: - 9 A.M., Wednesday, March 14, 2018 at the Mid County Regional Library located at 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd.

cc:
Commissioner Ken Doherty Commissioner Joseph Tiseo
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch Ray Sandrock, County Administrator
Commissioner Bill Truex, Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator
Commissioner Christopher Constance Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.