

**Minutes
Town of Windermere
Historical Preservation Board
May 29, 2013**

Call to Order

Windermere Historical Preservation Board Meeting was called to order on May 29, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Hannah Ammar in the Town Hall, 520 Main Street, Windermere, Florida.

Attendance

Historical Preservation Board Members present at the meeting were: Hannah Ammar, John Fisher, Theresa Schretzmann-Myers, Joan Foglia, Mary Frances Howard. Also present were Windermere Garden Club Representative Jackie Rapport, Town Council Liaison John Armstrong and Town Manager Robert Smith.

Minutes Approval

April 24, 2013 minutes were approved as written.

Treasurers Report

Historic Board Treasurer Joan Foglia reported there is approximately \$7,400 remaining in the Historic Preservation Board account available to the committee for use in the cultural landscape restoration plans for the 1887 Schoolhouse National Register Historic site.

Town Hall Identification Signage

Discussion of concepts and funding regarding "Town Hall" identification letters to be placed on the pediment of historic Windermere Town Hall continued. Flat cut letters are $\frac{3}{4}$ inch thick or less, \$78.6 per letter for 8 inch letters, for a Final Quote for \$629. The Architectural cast metal lettering is poured solid into a mounting pattern. Metal lettering will be 8 inches tall and read, "Town Hall." The font will be Times Roman. Theresa Schretzmann-Myers made a motion to approve the Final Quote for \$629 with the above requirements. Seconded by Joan Foglia. Motion passed unanimously.

Band Sponsorship Update

There was no band at the May Food Truck Friday. Amy Dubois has not recruited any bands on behalf of the Historical Board. This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting until Historical Committee gets information from Downtown Business Committee as Band Committee Liaison John Thurman has resigned from Downtown Business Committee.

Update on Sponsorship of Historical Marker Grant

Windermere Garden Club has approved \$1,000 donation. Parks and Recreation has approved a \$2,000 grant for sponsorship of the Historical Marker at the 1887 Schoolhouse. A suggestion was made by John Armstrong that we send a letter to the Windermere Rotary Club requesting a \$5,000 donation from Rotary for the Historical Marker.

New Business

Historical Orange Grove at Schoolhouse National Register Historic Site

To complete due diligence, meetings were conducted on May 29, 2013 with Citrus Experts Maurice "Maury" Boyd from McKinnon Corporation Ph: 407-656-1333; John Arnold from Josh's Citrus Trees Phone; 352-242-7915. Also, an independent tree report was completed on May 25, 2013 by ISA Certified Master Arborist Eric Engstrom 407-850-8733. All three experts agreed that many of the historic Citrus planted circa 1920's are in direct competition with the Laurel Oaks for water, nutrients, and sunlight. The Laurel Oaks being the larger and more vigorous species will cause further decline to the Citrus. There is also the potential for damages as the Laurel Oaks fail in part or whole. Mr. Boyd's opinion was that if there was historic genome still at the site that proved to be resistant to the HLB (Hung Ling Bing) Citrus Greening disease the historic citrus trees should be pruned restoratively, fertilized with organic citrus fertilizer and given the best chance for revival and survival so cloning from historic cuttings can be done. In the open areas of the grove historic varieties should be planted back such as Valencia, Hamlin, Pamelo, Seville, Temple, Honeybell, Dancy, Duncan Grapefruit, Satsuma, Page, Rough Lemon, Pomelo. Robert Smith currently has a bid for \$2,150 for removal of three Laurel Oaks in the historic grove, other Laurel Oaks that are diseased along 7th, and an Avocado that has been killed by the Red Bay Ambrosia beetle that needs to be removed and burned to keep the beetles from infesting other Bay Laurel species in the town. Joan Foglia made a motion that Historical Board move forward to remove all Laurel Oak trees and diseased trees that are flagged right now for removal unless there is a compromise at the joint meeting tomorrow for discretion to negotiate. Seconded by John Fisher. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcement

Robert Smith announced a Tri-Committee public meeting with Historical Board, Tree Board and Parks and Recreation to discuss the Orange Grove and the 1887 Historical Site at 6:00 p.m. at the Library.

Action Items:

1. Joan Foglia, will write letter to Rotary Club asking for sponsorship of the Historical Marker for \$5,000.

Next Historic Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2013. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

I hereby certify these are the Minutes of the Windermere Historic Preservation Board.

Dated this 29th day of May, 2013.

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Theresa Schretzmann-Myers
Secretary, Windermere Historical Preservation Board