

HPC

Monroe County Historic Preservation Commission MINUTES Monday May 6, 2024



2:00 PM Regular Meeting:

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Present and answering the roll call were Chair Commissioner Brian Shea, Commissioner Brad Bertelli, Commissioner Kate Deloach, Commissioner Barbara Bauman, and Commissioner Edward Blanco.

Staff present: Derek Howard, Assistant County Attorney
Devin Tolpin, Planning & Development Review Manager
Diane Silvia, Preservationist

Adoption of the Minutes from the meeting on April 1, 2024.

Kate Deloach motioned to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 1, 2024. Edward Blanco seconded the motion. As there were no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Application for Special Certificate of Appropriateness

Kate Deloach recused herself from item number one as her family owns 120 Sunrise Drive.

1. JOHN AND MARY DELOACH (FILE 2024-054) ARE PROPOSING TO REPLACE THE EXISTING WINDOWS AND DOORS WITH IMPACT WINDOWS AND DOORS AT THE HOME LOCATED AT 120 SUNRISE DRIVE, WITHIN THE TAVERNIER HISTORIC DISTRICT, HAVING PARCEL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER 00506380-000000 AND DESCRIBED AS LOT 45, TAVERNIER COVE NUMBER 1, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 1, AT PAGE 103, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA.

Staff presentation and recommendation

Diane Silvia read the staff report noting the applicable Guidelines and Standards.

Applicant presentation

Kate Deloach, a member of the owner's family and Krissy Bohnstedt, agent for the owner, were present to answer any questions the Commissioners might have.

Public testimony

There was no public comment.

Staff response

There was no staff response.

Board discussion

There was no board discussion.

Motion

Brian Shea motioned to approve. Brad Bertelli seconded the motion. A roll-call vote was held. Brian Shea, Brad Bertelli, Edward Blanco, and Barbara Bauman voted in favor of the motion. As there were no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion

1. A public meeting to obtain recommendations on a proposed update to the Tavernier Historic District Preservation Guidelines approved by the Monroe County Board of County Commissioners pursuant to Ordinance No. 019-2005 that is being prepared by Archaeological & Historical Conservancy Inc., which entered a contract for the update with Monroe County on September 14, 2023, pursuant to a Small Matching Grant from the State of Florida, Department of State, Division of Historical Resources (Grant No. 24.h.sm.100.003). The public is invited to submit comments or suggestions at this meeting in person or by Zoom.

Bob Carr, the consultant, was not on Zoom.

Diane Silvia said they planned to attend. They have sent the draft guideline update and I have forwarded them to you. Everyone should take a look at that, and we will review it at the June 3rd meeting. Anything that you see that should be changed or revised, or you have an objection to, please write that down and send it to me so we can discuss it at that meeting.

Derek Howard recommended a five-minute recess to allow time to contact Bob Carr, the consultant, so he could join the meeting,

Brian Shea said the deadline to submit comments on this should be May 27th.

Devin Tolpin said the HPC does not have to vote to approve the guideline update. Given the expertise of the HPC, a recommendation should be made before this goes to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will have to vote and approve this before it goes for BOCC approval.

Bob Carr joined the meeting and asked if there were any questions or comments about the guideline update.

Brian Shea said they have not had time to review this.

Mr. Carr said they had done everything they were supposed to do and that the guidelines had been improved. He described some of the revisions to the guidelines such as:

- allowance for elevating structures
- allowance for storm resistant windows
- consideration with regard to energy efficiency

Mr. Carr recommended that the Land Development Code should be made more consistent with the historic preservation guidelines. In addition, the list of contributing structures should be updated, and any inconsistencies corrected. The list of contributing structures should be reviewed twice a year as this information is important for homeowners.

Mr. Carr also explained there is an ad valorem tax exemption available for improvements made to National Register and contributing historic structures. These are some of the fundamental things they addressed.

Kate Deloach asked if Mr. Carr could give a presentation at the June 3, 2024 meeting. That would help us a lot.

Mr. Carr said they would like to go to the meeting and give a good presentation.

Ms. Deloach said that would be great.

Mr. Carr said he wanted to credit his team that worked on this project, Jane Day, preservationist, and Tim Harrington, historian.

Ms. Tolpin asked if the team will be at the June 3rd meeting to give a presentation.

Mr. Carr said he does not know their schedules, but they will have a presence there. He said he will be there and if the others cannot, perhaps they can join us by Zoom.

Ms. Deloach thanked Mr. Carr and his team along with County staff for their work on this project.

Other Business:

There was no other business.

Adjournment.

As there was no other business, Brian Shea motioned to adjourn. Kate Deloach seconded the motion.

As there were no objections, the motion carried unanimously.