

HPC

Monroe County Historic Preservation Commission PUBLIC WORKSHOP MINUTES

July 10, 2017 1:00 pm

Tavernier Fire House, 151 Marine Ave., Tavernier



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1. Welcome and Introducing your Historic Preservation Commissioners

Alice Allen called the workshop to order.

2. The boundaries of the Tavernier Historic District

Handouts were available with a map depicting the District boundaries.

3. The role of the HPC and decision making based on the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and the Tavernier Historic District Preservation Guidelines

Diane Silvia explained the purpose of the Standards and Guidelines.

4. The manner the HPC views contributing structures, non-contributing structures, and new construction

Ms. Silvia explained the difference in review for contributing and non-contributing structures and new construction.

5. Regular Certificate of Appropriateness and Special Certificate of Appropriateness

Blank applications were provided. Diane Silvia explained the difference between a Regular and Special Certificate of Appropriateness and provided a list that explained where to find documents and information.

Where to find documents and information:

www.monroecounty-fl.gov

To find agendas and minutes go to first tab "About Monroe County" click on "Boards and Committees" and then "Historic Preservation Commission"

For Forms: Click Departments

Click Planning & Environmental Resources

Click "Forms and Applications" and under "Various other Forms" scroll to Special Certificate of Appropriateness

The Agent Authorization Form is found near the top of the “Forms and Applications” page

The booklet “Tavernier Historic District Preservation Guidelines” can be found on the Document Center or by searching TavHistPresGuidelines-Final

The booklet “Discovering Tavernier” that describes the individual historic structures can be found on the Document Center or by searching Discovering Tavernier.

For questions or help call: Diane Silvia, Preservationist 305-292-6718 or email hfkf@bellsouth.net

Barbara Bauman, Senior Planner 305-453-8733 or email bauman-barbara@monroecounty-fl.gov

Building Permit questions, Murray E. Nelson Government Center 305-453-8800

Discussion

John Howe asked how several large buildings were constructed in the past on Sunrise Drive.

Alice Allen explained this was before the HPC was in place.

Bert Bender said we have had building issues with new construction that do not with respect the scale of the historic buildings. One issue is many of the historic structures are scattered. New large buildings are altering the scale of the district. Everyone wants to maximize height and lot coverage.

Donna Bosold pointed out we do need to consider flood and free board.

Mr. Bender agreed we need to be sensitive to flood, but not overly lenient.

Kate Deloach said people are concerned that FEMA will change the flood maps and they want that extra flexibility.

Mr. Bender said there is no way we can predict what the government will do. He has no problem with a reasonable height request.

Ms. Bosold said most projects can be down-sized to keep the scale down.

Anne-Marie Victor-Howe said we have trees that need to be protected.

Mr. Bender said landscaping is part of the context we are supposed to consider.

Peter Morris pointed out the guidelines are mostly limited to structures. The Code is specific to structures.

Dr. Victor-Howe asked how can we change this.

Mr. Morris said it would have to go to the BOCC to solicit a code change to 118 of the Land Development Code. They would have to hire an expert in historic landscape.

Ms. Bosold said Susan Sprunt from Islamorada.

Mr. Bender said Standard 2 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards covers this.

Mr. Morris said he would be cautious dealing with vegetation. There is a continuum of discretion going from structures to vegetation.

Ms. Bosold said there was never an evaluation of vegetation in the district.

Ms. Allen said she has a very large Black Ironwood tree on her property and is very concerned someday someone will build on that lot and destroy her tree.

The workshop was adjourned in preparation for the regular 2:00 HPC meeting.