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Monroe County Historic Preservation Commission MINUTES

Monday August 7, 2017

Tavernier Fire House, 151 Marine Ave., Tavernier



2:00 PM Regular Meeting:

Call to Order.

Roll Call.

Present and answering to roll call were Chair-Commissioner Alice Allen, Commissioner Kate DeLoach, and Commissioner Anne-Marie Victor-Howe.

Absent were Commissioner Bert Bender and Commissioner Donna Bosold.

Staff present: Devin Rains, Principal County Planner
Peter Morris, Assistant County Attorney
Diane Silvia, Preservationist

Adoption of Minutes from the July 10th 2017 workshop and meeting.

Kate DeLoach motioned to approve the minutes from the July 10, 2017 workshop and meeting. Anne-Marie Victor-Howe seconded the motion. As there were no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Changes to the Agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

Applications for Special Certificate of Appropriateness

1. MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS is proposing to install a fire suppression system at Pigeon Key, including all low voltage and utility connections. System shall be complete with storage tank, distribution system, alarms, pump and sprinklers. The subject property is physically located at 44800 Overseas Highway and is legally described as:

All of the lands heretofore deeded to the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District from the Florida East Coast Railway Company by deed dated November 9, 1936, and recorded in Deed Record G-6, Pages 46 to 55, both inclusive, Monroe County, Florida, Public Records excepting therefrom all lands which have been deeded by said Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District and which deeds are of record as of the date of this conveyance to Monroe County, Florida, and also excepting the strip of land One Hundred feet (100') wide being Fifty feet (50') in width on each side of the center line of the right-of-way of the former Florida East Coast Railway, as same was

constructed and operated between the center line dividing Sections Twenty-one (21) and Twenty (20) in Township 64, South of Range 36 East, to the Section Line between Sections Twenty-five (25) and Twenty-six (26) in Township 66, South of Range 29 East, including all trestles, structures, bridges and riparian rights, all in Monroe County, Florida, being part of the lands deeded to the Overseas Road and Toll-Bridge District by deed dated November 9, 1936, and recorded in Deed Record G-6, pages 46 to 55, both inclusive, Monroe County, Florida, Public Records,

or AKA:

All of Pigeon Key, an island approximately 5.31 acres located at Mile Marker 45, along the Old Seven Mile Bridge, Lot 1, Section 13, Township 66 South, Range 31 East, Tallahassee Meridian, and deeded to the Overseas Road and Toll Bridge District from the Florida East Coast Railway Company by Deed dated November 9, 1936, and recorded in Deed Record G-6, pages 46 to 55, and thereafter deeded to Monroe County by Warranty Deed, recorded at OR-15, pages 374 to 376, having Real Estate Number: 00106120-000000.

Alice Allen thanked Bert Bender for providing clear copies of the drawings for this project.

Staff presentation and recommendation

Diane Silvia read the staff report noting the applicable standards.

Applicant presentation

There was no applicant presentation.

Public testimony

There was no public testimony.

Staff input

Devin Rains pointed out that Pigeon Key has a minor conditional use permit. To put this in context, the fire water tank and fire pump package are to be located near the existing equipment area and generator. The platform is in keeping with the equipment location on this parcel.

Board discussion

Kate DeLoach asked if they can make archaeological monitoring a requirement of approval.

Anne-Marie Victor-Howe said more research is needed. We have lost so much history.

Diane Silvia said there has been a lot of research done.

Dr. Victor-Howe asked, where is the research. She could not find anything online. There is nothing in the research that mentions Pigeon Key. Irving Ester did research in the Keys and recorded ceremonial sites. Before the ground is disturbed we need more research. John Goggin also did research and found mounds and ceremonial sites in the Keys and Key Biscayne. We need to look. Where is this research? She wants to be sure there are no sites. We are in 2017 and should be responsible. We owe that.

Diane Silvia said Pigeon Key has a museum building where the research is kept.

Kate DeLoach said Kelly McKinnon is the Executive Director and he can help her find more about the research.

Diane Silvia explained that Pigeon Key has had a professional consultant dealing with the archaeology for the ramp project. She worked with Jim Clupper and Bob Carr on the archaeological monitoring for the solar panels. She completed the artifact analysis and report and turned everything back over to Pigeon Key. She said, Johnnie Yongue, project manager, is planning to run the underground lines as close as possible to the previously disturbed areas near existing lines.

Dr. Victor-Howe said it is still not online. There is only so much research you can do in one day.

Alice Allen that is more economical.

Dr. Victor-Howe asked if she could go to Pigeon Key.

Diane Silvia said you can get on the ferry at Faro Blanco.

Alice Allen said she does not see anything in this project that will affect the historic structures and fire protection is welcome.

Peter Morris said the motion would be based on Standard 8 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, "significant archaeological resources affected by a project shall be protected and preserved. If such resources must be disturbed, mitigation measures shall be undertaken."

Motion

Kate DeLoach motioned to approve with the condition that archaeological monitoring is conducted of sub-surface disturbance during installation, as per Standard 8 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Alice Allen seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was called. Kate DeLoach and Alice Allen voted in favor of the motion. Anne-Marie Victor-Howe voted against the motion. Therefore, the motion carried.

Other Business:

Diane Silvia said it looks like will receive funding for a phase II of the Monroe County Cultural Resources Survey. This will be focused mainly on archaeology.

Our next meeting is **September 11th**, due to the Labor Day holiday.

Adjournment.

Kate DeLoach motioned to adjourn. Alice Allen seconded the motion.