MINUTES

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Vice-Chair Rebecca Talbert, Candace Chemtob, Louise Sprimont, Genean MacKinnon, Phil Wood, and Laura Armstrong. Also Present: City Attorney Thu Pham. Staff: Planning & Community Development Director Dori Stone, Senior Planner Lindsey Hayes, and Recording Secretary Lisa Smith.

The following members of the Citizens Advisory Committee were present: Frank Hamner, Betsy Owens, Stephen Pategas and Dykes Everett.

2. Approval of Minutes.

No minutes were approved at tonight’s meeting.

Public Comments:

No public comments were received at tonight’s meeting.

- Review previously adopted draft of Article VIII, Historic Preservation and discuss potential changes. The citizens committee has been invited to participate in this work session.

Planning & Community Development Director Dori Stone explained that the purpose of tonight’s meeting is to review the previously adopted draft of the Historic Preservation Ordinance and discuss the potential changes. She introduced the members of the citizens committee. She noted that if consensus is reached tonight, the Board can then direct staff on what to bring back at the July meeting for a public hearing where public comments will be received.

Attorney Frank Hamner gave a power point presentation that detailed the make-up and mission of the Citizens Advisory Committee. He noted that the members of the committee have been involved in the process since January 2014 in an effort to make recommendations to the HPB regarding the proposed changes to the historic preservation ordinance. He explained that it was the goal of the committee to assist the HPB in housekeeping effort; to achieve consensus on all of the varying points of view; to provide education to the public regarding the proposed changes to the ordinance; to identify incentives for preservation; and to identify proper designation criteria. He reviewed in detail the changes proposed by the citizen committee. Discussion ensued concerning: changing the name from Historic Preservation Commission to Historic Preservation Board; remove the ability of any individual commissioner or HPB member to designate a property; establish qualification criteria for HPB members; establish district designation criteria; demolition criteria and tax incentives. He responded to Board member questions and concerns.
Consensus of the discussion was that staff would bring back to the board for consideration: (1) a detailed map with legend; (2) ordinance revisions by section and reference points for reconsideration; (3) more detailed information regarding proposed incentives; (4) specific information regarding funding criteria for the Certified Local Government program and State of Florida Historic Preservation grants.

3. Adjournment. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Smith,
Recording Secretary