



**CITY OF WINTER PARK
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**

9:00 a.m.
March 8, 2017
Commission Chambers
401 Park Avenue South

MINUTES

1. Call to order. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Bill Segal, Phil Wood, Laura Armstrong, Phil Kean, Bob Schwetje, Chuck Bell. Absent: Genean McKinnon and Ed Sabori. Staff: City Architect Brooks Weiss and Recording Secretary Kim Breland.

Approval of Minutes: February 8, 2017

Minutes for the February Workshop were not available. Approval of minutes has been deferred to the April 12, 2017 meeting.

Public Comments on any item not appearing under action: No one wished to speak. Public comment closed.

2. Action Items

- 1) Develop 2017 Historic Preservation Awards for April 1, 2017 Colloquium
- 2) Review (Approve) Letter to Owners of Prospective Historic Properties.

Develop 2017 Historic Preservation Awards for April 1, 2017 Colloquium

City Architect Brooks Weiss presented the staff report.

Mr. Weiss reviewed the categories for the Historic Preservation awards and their criteria. The categories are: Excellence in Residential Renovation /Perpetuation, Excellence in Commercial Renovation, Excellence in Adaptive Reuse and Exceptional Individual. Mr. Weiss then gave a slide show presentation outlining Staff's nominees/properties for each category:

Excellence in Residential Renovation/Perpetuation nominees: Knowles Cottage, 1886-87, 232 Knowles Avenue; Geer-van den Berg House, 1880's, 138 Detmar Drive and 616 Seminole Drive (additions in 1980, 2007 and 2011).

Excellence in Commercial Renovation nominees: 1335 Orange Avenue, 1966 Mid-century Modern, Marlowe's Tavern, 1008 S. Orlando Avenue, and Woman's Club of Winter Park, 1921, 419 S. Interlachen Avenue.

Excellence in Adaptive Reuse: State Auto, 1280 Orange Avenue; The Lumber Yard, 784 Orange Avenue, The Ninth Grade Center, 528 Huntington Avenue.

Exceptional Individual – Making notable contribution/achievement to Historic Preservation in Winter Park: Frank Roark, Dr. Jack C. Lane, and Allan E. Keen.

Mr. Segal asked the Board if they were prepared to vote and offered any additional nominees during the meeting. The Board discussed the nominees presented by Mr. Weiss, stating that Staff's picks were excellent choices for each category. The Board briefly discussed adding a category for Historical Places and Landmarks to the list of awards for the next year and onward and what the criteria would include.

The Board made comments regarding commercial property nominees and how they relate more to architectural preservation and restoration than purist historic preservation. A workshop to discuss categories and their criteria for future awards was suggested.

Board member, Laura Armstrong, informed the Chairman and the Board that she needed to leave the meeting early, but did have her picks prepared if voting continued during the meeting.

The Board commenced with the voting:

1. Excellence in Residential Renovation/Perpetuation winner: Geer-van den Berg House and Maher's Home 1925
2. Excellence in Commercial Renovation: Woman's Club of Winter Park
3. Excellence in Adaptive Reuse: The Ninth Grade Center*
4. Exceptional Individual: Frank Roark

*The Board has requested that the Mr. Weiss contact the Orange County Public School Board to inquire if there is interest from The Ninth Grade Center to have a historical designation as well as be recorded with the National Historic Register. Following the HPB meeting, the OCPS was very happy with this honor.

Review (Approve) Letter to Owners of Prospective Historic Properties.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Letter to Owners of Prospective Properties that was presented by Mr. Weiss.

The Board decided to postpone voting on the letter draft until the next Historic Preservation Board meeting. It was also remarked that information regarding designating homes as Historic Properties should be included on the website.

3. Informational

1. Overview of the City's Historic Preservation page on the City's website – Clarissa Howard, Communications Director

Clarissa Howard, Director of Communications to presented the Board an overview of the current Historic Preservation information tab on City's website and obtain feedback and direction from the Board on how the content is presented. Ms. Howard introduced Daniel Maier, City Webmaster to the Board and explained his role in making the City's website work. Ms. Howard reviewed the current look and content of the Historic Preservation tab on the City website and offered ideas on how to customize and enhance the web page.

Mr. Segal commented that the Board decided that they would like to be more proactive with informing the community how they can list their homes as historic via the City Website. Ms. Howard discussed various ways to accomplish supplying the community with information through the website as well as other channels of distribution.

Mr. Segal asked if the number of website visitors was being tracked to the City Website as well as other social media outlets. Ms. Howard responded that yes, the traffic to the website and social media is tracked regularly. Mr. Weiss gave feedback for items he would like to see added to the website.

Mr. Segal asked the board if there were any questions. Board members gave feedback related to posting homes in the community to the top of the Historic Preservation page, making sure the homes selected for the page are diverse and vary in size, style and architecture, highlighting the award winning homes, national recognition and lastly ensuring that the content on the page is reviewed and updated in a timely manner.

2. Draft – Service Line Undergoing Grant Information and Application

Mr. Weiss briefly reviewed his conversation with Winter Park electric regarding the service line. There was no further discussion regarding the service line.

The Board inquired about funds available for Historic Preservation in preparation for various projects coming up and asked for a related follow up discussion at the next meeting.

Chairman Segal asked if there was anyone in the audience who had questions or comments for the Historic Preservation Board.

Glenna Harmon, 151 Oakwood Way, wanted to make the Board aware that there is a **James Gamble Rogers** house in her neighborhood and she wanted to ask the Board the correct way to approach the owners about the possibility of designating the home. She also volunteered to assist Board Member, Phil Wood, with his endeavor to preserve some of the historic parks in Winter Park.

Rachel Simmons, Archivist at the Winter Park Public Library, introduced herself to the Board and offer her assistance to the Board with compiling any information needed from the Winter Park archive.

No one else wished to speak. The Public Hearing was closed.

4. New Business. There were no items of new business.

5. Adjournment. There was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Breland,
Recording Secretary