

Historic Preservation Board Minutes
City of Wauchula
June 13, 2011

The Wauchula Historic Preservation Board met Monday, June 13, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The following members were present: Preston, Ackerly, Collins and Boynton. Zakhary and Royal were absent.

Preston called the meeting to order.

The Board reviewed an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness to remove the gutter, repair the fascia and soffits, paint and install exterior signage to the building located at 301 E. Main Street. Allan Holmes of Cracker Trail Transmissions was present. Collins questioned if Mr. Holmes was applying for a grant. Minshew responded yes, that he was applying for a façade grant from the CRA. Collins questioned if there was a good chance he would be awarded the grant. Minshew answered 'probably.' Preston noted that the colors requested were neutral tones. Holmes pointed out that the colors would be similar to those of historic City Hall at 225 E. Main Street. Boynton asked for clarification on the work to be done regarding the gutters and fascia. Holmes explained that the gutter system has rusted and in the process, the wooden fascia has also rotted. Holmes stated that the east side of the building is extremely bad. Boynton asked if there would be any soffit installed under the covered area out front. Holmes replied no, it would just be painted. Holmes stated that he has not decided what contractor he will use. He did get quotes from Jack See Construction, Stitch 'n Sign and EMBR Construction to satisfy the CRA Grant application requirements. Boynton stated that the building, built in 1926, could be considered historic and is able to be preserved. Preston stated that all of the requested items should help to maintain and preserve the building. Boynton made the motion, seconded by Collins to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness. All were in favor. Motion carried. Minshew stated that the CRA Grant application would be on the Tuesday, June 14, 2011 CRA Agenda for review.

Preston suggested that in the May 9, 2011 minutes that it be clarified that she sits on the board of Lydia's House, not Pioneer Village, which is the board responsible for the Mustard Seed. Preston explained that Sherry White Ministries is over both Lydia's House and Pioneer Village and each have separate boards. Ackerly made the motion, seconded by Preston to approve the minutes from May 9, 2011 as amended. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Boynton reported that he had done some research and came across the Florida Certified Local Government Program. This is a program in conjunction with the Florida Historical Preservation Board. It recognizes that historic preservation is best done at the local level. It offers grants to survey and identify historic properties including potential nominations to the national register of historic places. There is also help in setting up local historical preservation plans. Boynton reported that he would continue to research. Collins stated that there was some research done on this program in the past. Preston suggested that the ordinance creating the historic preservation board be sent to all of the board members for their review. Minshew stated that the Historic Preservation board has a lot of authority. Boynton stated that would be helpful to know what activities the board is authorized to do when doing his research. Preston also suggested that perhaps city attorney Ables could come and do training for the Board sometime in the fall.

Being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.