

## Cultural Resources Review Board Minutes

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**Committee/Board/Agency:** Cultural Resources Review Board

**Date/Time of Meeting:** Monday, August 8, 2022 at 3:30 P.M.

**Location/Address:** St. Johns County Permit Building, Conference Room 1  
4040 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, FL

**Members Present:** Robert Olson, Nick Jonihakis, Janet Jordan, Christine Newman, Blair Knighting

**Commission Member Present:** None

**Staff Present:** Trey Asner, Ryan Mauch

**Public Attendees:** Sallie O'Hara, Jena Baker-Dennis, James Wesley, David Nolan, Thomas Jackson, Elizabeth Duncan, Jamie Baccari, Ed Slavin (by phone)

- Mr. Olson called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M.

### **AGENDA ITEM 1: Introduce new board member Blair Knighting.**

- The CRRB welcomed Blair Knighting to the board.
- Mr. Olson opened Public Comment for items not on the current agenda.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2. Staff update on State Grants: Historical Properties Survey of A1A and St. Johns County Cultural Resources Interpretation Program.**

- Staff informed the board that the final version of the Department of Historic Resources grant for the historic properties of A1A survey is being reviewed by DHR and 321 structures were evaluated and the Nease House was recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.
- Staff said that the final version would be available soon but he could share the draft.
- Ms. Newman expressed surprise that some of the buildings were not recommended as eligible for the national register.
- Staff stated that the board can designate structures they determine to be eligible.
- Mr. Olson mentioned the Ponce de Leon Landing site. Staff replied that the survey pertained to historic structures and not archaeological sites.
- Thomas Jackson with the Martin L. King Jr. Celebration Committee asked if the interpretation programs were limited to just north A1A or if it extended to south A1A. Staff explained that the survey was limited to Ponte Vedra and Vilano.
- Staff updated the board on the installation of new markers and panels throughout the county for the other Department of Historic Resources grant.
- Mr. Jonihakis asked if the content is posted on a map available to the public. The board asked how many were installed and requested that documentation be provided on the sign locations. Staff will provide how the Board can access this information prior to the next meeting date.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3: Continued discussion on 5480 Atlantic View Mitigation Plan. No action required of the board.**

- Staff provided the board with an update for 5480 Atlantic View (Canright House) and staff stated a coalition was formed between ACCORD and the Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration Committee to raise funds for the potential relocation of the structure.
- Funds would be needed to prepare the relocation site and restore the structure and hook up utilities.
- Mr. Olson asked about sources of funds.

- Staff stated that the Coalition will attempt to raise funds for the relocation. Mr. Olson asked the Coalition if they have looked into the National Endowment for the Humanities. TJ Jackson responded that they are looking into all possibilities, but their initial plan was a Go Fund Me account. Mr. Jackson introduced himself and introduced other members of the MLK Celebration Committee, including James Wesley, chair of the MLK Celebration Committee in Orange Park, Elizabeth Duncan, chair of the 40<sup>th</sup> ACCORD and historian David Nolan.
- Mr. Olson asked if the Coalition has been in contact with the owner. Mr. Jackson responded that they have been in communication with Paul Weaver. Mr. Jackson stated the owner wants to save the structure and donate money for a potential relocation of the house if it is feasible.
- Mr. Jackson stated that an estimate from Larue house movers is about \$150,000 to disconnect and move the house.
- Mr. Olson suggested that the board supports a potential relocation effort.
- Mr. Jackson asked if a recommendation letter from the CRRB could be made to the board of county commissioners.
- Ms. Baccari said that the County has not allocated money to the project. Parks and Recreation is open to relocating the structure at an adjacent park if funds are raised.
- Mr. Jonihakis made a motion to recommend the county review and support the relocation. Ms. Newman seconded the motion.
- Mr. Jackson asked if the groups should start fundraising efforts or wait until the CRRB hears back from the Board of County Commissioners. Staff stated that a draft letter of support could be provided to the CRRB by the end of the week. Mr. Jackson raised a concern about fundraising efforts, should the owner decide not to relocate the structure.
- Ms. Baccari recommended that members of the Coalition attend the next Board of County Commissioners meeting or Recreation Advisory Board and speak during public comment to show their support.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Consideration of designating 316 N Main as a Significant Cultural Resource. Action required of the board.**

- Ms. Jena Baker updated the board on the rehabilitation of 301 North Main Street in Hastings.
- Staff described the significance and it qualifying as a significant cultural resource.
- Ms. Baker discussed obstacles she has faced during restoration and features of the structure.
- Mr. Olson asked Ms. Baker her envisioned uses for the structure. Ms. Baker intends to use them for multiple purposes such as a café, antique store, commercial and residential uses.
- Mr. Jonihakis asked what the intent is for the upstairs. Ms. Baker stated apartments because there are no apartments in Hastings. Mr. Jonihakis said that if a variance for any proposed uses is required, the CRRB can assist with a recommendation due to the historic nature of the building.
- Mr. Olson proposed to designate 316 North Main St. as a significant cultural resource and Ms. Jordan seconded with all in favor.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Discussion on the Rogero Triay House remains. No action required of the board.**

- Staff gave the history of the Rogero Triay house, that it had been demolished, but some boards were salvaged.
- Mr. Jonihakis asked if there are plans for the house.
- Mr. Olson asked about the boards and staff stated the boards have been exposed to the environment.
- Ms. Knighting asked if anyone has seen the inside of the storage container. Staff had recently inspected.
- Mr. Jonihakis asked if there were examples of clapboard or other architectural features of the house such as the metal roof and stated that it would be a major effort to restore the structure.

- Mr. Jonihakis said that perhaps something could be done if we knew what was in the container. He proposed the construction of an electronic model of some kind or using pieces as embellishment in other buildings.

#### Board Member Reports

- None

#### Staff Member Reports

- A1A Survey and Signs and Markers Grants Update
- Staff asked if the board would like to meet at an earlier time, such as 1:30pm instead of 3:30pm, meet the second Monday of every other month and if they would like to meet quarterly instead of bi-monthly. The members of the board were fine with meeting earlier but wanted to keep their bi-monthly schedule. The board requested a list of the new dates and times.

Mr. Olson called the meeting to a close at 4:35 P.M.

Robert Olson-Chair

Trey Asner-Recorder