

**Town of Jupiter
Historic Resources Board Minutes
Special Meeting on May 15, 2023
6:00 PM**

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Debi Murray; Vice-Chair Brad Mayo; Board Members; Josh Liller, Christine Pinello, Lee Webber, David Thompson, Stephanie Thoburn, Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning; Stephen Mayer, Senior Planner; Suzanne Stan, Secretary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Liller moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Vice-Chair Mayo. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0 vote)

2. Citizen Comments:

No Comments

3. Approval of the Minutes:

Board Member Liller moved to approve the minutes from February 16, 2023 seconded by Board Member Webber. The motion passed unanimously. (6-0 vote)

REGULAR AGENDA

4. Old Town Hall Local Historic Designation - Consideration of a Local Historic Designation application by the Town of Jupiter (owner) for the Old Town Hall building at 1000 Town Hall Avenue. (First Reading)

Stephen Mayer, Senior Planner, presented the Town initiated application. He stated that in order to qualify for a Local Historic Designation the application must meet one or more of nine listed criteria in the code. Staff finds the Old Town Hall meets eight of the nine criteria and therefore recommends the historical designation.

Mr. Mayer further stated that the Old Town Hall is historically significant in the Town for its important historical associations with the town's prominent government officials and residents. It is architecturally significant in that it was built with masonry blocks from the old school house which dated back to 1911 and the building was a time capsule of the town's history.

Chair Murray asked if the American Legion utilized unused materials of the Old School House for their Legion Hall. Mr. Liller explained that they in fact did. Ms. Murray also clarified that the Jupiter library was a County Branch library.

Vice Chair Mayo questioned if the designation was for just the building or did it include the property as a whole. Mr. Mayer replied the designation was for the building only. Mr. Mayo then asked if the designation would impede any repairs from being made. Ms. Thoburn stated that it may if there were any changes to the character to the building it would need to go before the board with a certificate of appropriateness; some of it could be done administratively, dependent on the changes. Mr. Mayo said there was talk of raising the building out of the flood plain and Ms. Thoburn said she wasn't aware of that but they are looking for remedies to address stormwater and high tides. Mr. Mayo then asked if it will be a national designation and Thoburn answered that the site does not qualify for a national registration and will be a local historic designation.

Ms. Pinello asked if we are comfortable separating the building from the land in case of relocation. Ms. Thoburn replied that typically relocated buildings are not seen as historical designations.

Both Ms. Pinello and Mr. Mayo requested that it would be better to keep the building and site in context and directed staff to include the land with the Local Historic Designation to provide the preservation of the entire site.

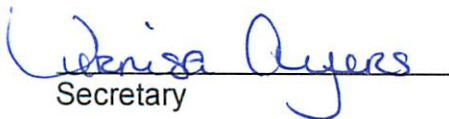
Ms. Thoburn stated if it is the board's desire to include the land we can definitely look at that. This first reading determines if it is worthy of the designation and the second reading is for the Board's recommendation July 17, 2023.

In speaking of the entire site, Chair Murray asked if there has been any shovel testing on the site for archeological purposes. Ms. Thoburn responded that she is not aware of any archeological testing. Vice Chair Mayo suggested that the Old School House building was located in the current playground location. Mr. Liller requested that the foundation of the Old School House building could be identified with ground penetrating radar. Mr. Liller also noted minor clarifications on the report.

Public Comments: Robert Culpepper, Michael Culpepper, Susan Brandt, Brett Leone (speaking on behalf of the Jupiter Historical Society), Councilor Malise Sundstrom and Dana Anderson filled out comment cards and spoke in support of the project, specific to the Local Historic Designation application. Susan Brandt stated her support of designating the entire property, citing that the whole property is the last bit of Old Florida left in Jupiter. Brett Leone spoke in favor of designating the entire property, perhaps cutting out a portion of the Seminole drainage basin to ensure that any necessary improvements may be made for drainage without a certificate of appropriateness.

Discussion amongst the Board was for staff to update the designation to include the entire 2.4-acre Old Town Hall Property since the old school was also located on the site.

5. **Historical Account for Sustainability Plan** – Stephanie Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a draft that showed a timeline of the environmental and manmade changes of the Town to be included in the Sustainability Plan, detailing the reasons in changes of shoreline stability, water quality and salinity and the biodiversity of the local ecology. The Sustainability Plan will provide a vision for how the land and water will function over time so the environment and development can exist in a more sustainable, resilient manner for another thousand years. Ms. Thoburn requested the Board provide changes and/or make comments regarding the draft plan. Mr. Thompson believed it was a good start, but would like to see greater detail. Mr. Liller requested that staff review the population numbers used and reflect differences between census numbers that calculate residents versus total area populations utilizing the same natural resources and watershed. Ms. Murray requested that Pratt and Whitney be included in the timeline.
6. **Staff Updates** – Stephanie Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning stated that with the reconstruction of the US1 Bridge, Federal Department of Transportation (FDOT) committed to installing two Florida Historic Markers on the Loxahatchee River and now FDOT is asking the Town where the markers should be placed. The first recommendation is at the Riverwalk, at the base of the bridge near the 1000 North Restaurant and the second suggestion is the Lighthouse Park near the pin by the cannon and the anchor in the roundabout. The two markers will be installed close to each other at the chosen location.
7. **Board Comments:** No comment.
8. **Next Meeting:** July 17, 2023
9. **ADJOURNMENT:** Board Member Liller made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Vice Chair Mayo. The motion passed unanimously. (5-0 vote). Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.


Secretary


Debi Murray, Chair