

**TOWN OF JUPITER HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
FINAL MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Murray called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Chair Debi Murray; Vice Chair Brad Mayo; Board Members; Josh Liller, Lee Webber, Christine Pinello, Sara Misselhorn 1st Alternate (voting member); Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning, Stephanie Thoburn; Senior Planner, Thatcher Hart and Secretary, Michael Schneider.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Mr. Peter Leo, resident of Harbor Road North, asked if the Board would be interested on arranging an appointment for a presentation featuring photographs that he has depicting the history of the town of Jupiter. He also possessed some artifacts related to the town's history.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Minutes and Agenda** - Chair Murray asked if there were any changes to the minutes. Board Member Liller moved to approve the minutes from September 16, 2024 with corrections to page 1-1; seconded by Board Member Misselhorn. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

Chair Murray asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Board Member Pinello moved to approve the agenda; seconded by Board Member Liller. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

Staff – Ms. Thoburn informed the Board that Thatcher Hart was promoted to the positions of Senior Planner and the Board's Liaison.

Swearing In:

Secretary Michael Schneider, conducted the swearing-in of all witnesses for the quasi-judicial items on the agenda.

REGULAR AGENDA

- A. **OLD BUSINESS:** None.

- B. **NEW BUSINESS:**

2. **Aicher House Deck at Sawfish Bay Park** - Application for an archaeological Certificate to Dig on a 2.5+/- acre parcel located at 1133 North Alternate A1A.

Applicant presentation: Joe Mankowski, representative of Advanced Archeology for the Town of Jupiter presented the Certificate to Dig (CTD) application request.

Staff presentation: Stephanie Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning, reviewed the staff report and recommendations on the Certificate to Dig (CTD).

Board Members asked questions of the Applicant and Staff:

Chair Murray asked Board members if there were any questions for the applicant or for staff. Board Member Misselhorn inquired whether it might be more effective to specify an exact date instead of providing a date range for representing the site's age. Mr. Mankowski clarified that he utilized a midpoint estimate of the Radiocarbon dates to offer a more accurate depiction of the site's age. Board Member Misselhorn asked if it would be significant to mention that the report fulfills requirement "D" of the National Register of Historic Places. Ms. Thoburn responded saying that this information is noted in the Archaeological Report but could be included in the report. Ms. Thoburn shared the Sawfish Bay property possesses a local historic designation, which ensures its protection. She indicated that this provides greater opportunities for securing grant funding.

Board Member Liller commented that it is interesting to see that all five locations revealed the presence of fiber-tempered pottery, indicating their historical significance and suggesting that these sites were inhabited over 5,000 years ago. Board Member Liller proposed that the Town consider budgeting for an archaeological survey of the park's non-fill area in order to assess the extent of its archaeological feature.

Vice Chair Mayo and Board Member Liller spoke to how well the project has gone. Vice Chair Mayo inquired about the depth of the columns. Mr. Mankowski responded that the columns extend from the surface to a depth of approximately 3 feet. Vice Chair Mayo asked if the material had been removed. Mr. Mankowski confirmed that the column samples have been taken out; however, it's necessary to locate a qualified archaeologist to conduct an analysis of these samples. Ms. Thoburn shared that they also had a surveyor come out to assess all of the individual coastal locations.

Board Member Pinello asked if the excavation of the hearth and firepit would affect the ability of the site to obtain a National Registry Designation. Ms. Thoburn replied saying that as of now the Town was not prioritizing a National Register Designation of the site; However, she doesn't believe that the excavation that took place would prevent the site from being designated on the National Register in the future. Mr. Mankowski further clarified that the entire hearth feature discovered was not excavated and will be preserved on site. Additionally, he stated that the site is still viable for the National Register because of the vast amount of other intact deposits that are on the site and eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Board Member Pinello asked whether there were alternative layouts of the proposed deck that would avoid disrupting other areas of the site, in which we currently lack the resources to thoroughly explore now. Mr. Mankowski responded saying that unfortunately we have already excavated in those areas proposed for construction so there's not much that can be preserved in those specific areas. Ms. Thoburn clarified that they will not be excavating the entire site for phase III; rather, they will

focus on the specific area that allows for the interpretation of the site and provides access to the Aicher House. Board Member Pinello inquired about the reasoning behind choosing the Aicher House's location. Ms. Thoburn clarified that the decision was based on feedback from the public and the site plan. She also mentioned that the Aicher House was initially set to be demolished, but its historical significance was recognized since it dates back to the same era as the Train Depot in the 1800s. Ms. Thoburn indicated that following the relocation of the Aicher House, the intact mitten was found, and she mentioned that a certificate to dig was required to explore what additional items might be present. Ms. Thoburn stated that the Town is in compliance by coming through this process. Board Member Pinello inquired whether the assessment plan would include considerations for ADA compliance and accessibility. Ms. Thoburn responded that the Train Depot is already equipped with a ramp. She further indicated that if any additional requirements are identified, an assessment will be conducted, and the findings will be presented to the Board for review.

Board Member Webber asked whether an archaeological study had been conducted prior to the construction of the park at Sawfish Bay. Ms. Thoburn responded that she provided all available information on record. She further indicated that she's not aware of any additional archaeological monitoring being done.

Public Comment: None

Deliberation by the Board:

Chair Murray complimented both staff and the Archeologist for their excellent work on this project.

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

3. Historic Resources Board Goals for 2025 (Continuing from February 26, 2024).

Staff presentation: Stephanie Thoburn, Asst. Director of Planning and Zoning, reviewed updates to the Historic Resources Board Goals and Objectives for 2025. Ms. Thoburn presented updates that encompassed the historic markers and interpretive signage for unmarked graves and cemeteries, the World War II Married Housing Building, as well as a historic marker and interpretive sign for the historic FEC Canal.

Board Members asked questions of the Applicant and Staff:

Chair Murray inquired about where the cemeteries with unmarked graves are situated within the Town's limits. Ms. Thoburn mentioned that one is on Loxahatchee Drive and the other is located in the Shores. She also pointed out that there's no solid evidence confirming that the cemetery in the Shores actually has unmarked graves. Ms. Thoburn explained that she has done some research, including contacting the Department of State Historic Resources Division, and discovered that the best way to address this is by putting up an interpretive sign or a Florida Historic

marker. Ms. Thoburn mentioned that some residents of the Shores have been a bit resistant about showcasing this. She indicated that it might be more acceptable to implement the historic markers at the lodge, as they have knowledge regarding individuals who were there. Ms. Thoburn conveyed her desire to ensure that both the living and the deceased are treated with respect throughout this process. Vice Chair Mayo inquired whether the Town is aware of the individuals buried at the Shores site. Board Member Liller responded that there are approximately ten identified problematic burials at that location, along with some information regarding the identities of those buried there.

Public Comment: None

Deliberation by the Board:

Board Member Liller suggested to include the church above Riverbend Park in the Local Historic Designations section of the proposed Historic Resources Board Goals for 2025.

Motion: Board Member Liller moved to approve the Historic Resources Board Goals for 2025 with modifications; seconded by Vice Chair Mayo. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote).

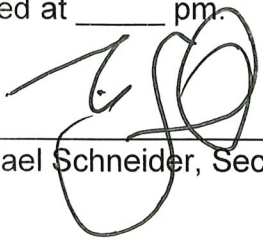
Staff Updates –

4. **Historic Centennial Committee:** Ms. Thoburn provided an update on the preparations for the centennial celebration. She expressed the necessity for more individuals like Captain Peter Leo, who attended tonight's meeting with stories and artifacts that reflect the Town's history. Ms. Thoburn mentioned that she has been actively engaging with the Loxahatchee River Historical Society and Palm Beach County to obtain photographs and additional information pertinent to the Town's history. She emphasized the need for images spanning from the 1960s to the present. Furthermore, she envisions a panel where individuals can speak and respond to questions, illustrating the experiences and transformations over the years. Ms. Thoburn requested that the Board inform her of any suitable candidates for this panel. She noted that this initiative is intended for the upcoming 100-year Centennial celebration and its accompanying photo book. Additionally, Ms. Thoburn presented the new logo and outlined the contents that will be featured in the Centennial book. She also mentioned several events that are likely to occur during the first quarter of the year.

Board Comments: None

Next Meeting: Tentatively January 27, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Misselhorn made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Liller. The motion passed unanimously (6-0 vote). Meeting was adjourned at _____ pm.



Michael Schneider, Secretary

Debi Murray, Chair