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## Monroe County Historic Preservation Commission MINUTES

Monday, August 5, 2013 2:00

Tavernier Fire House, 151 Marine Ave., Tavernier



### Call to Order.

Bert Bender called the meeting to order.

### Roll Call.

Alice Allen, Chair

Bert Bender

Donna Bosold

Ray Rhash

Jim Clupper, absent

Staff: Rey Ortiz, County Planner

Steve Williams, Assistant County Attorney

Diane Silvia, Preservationist

### Adoption of Minutes from the June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 meeting.

Bert Bender motioned to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2013 meeting. Donna Bosold seconded the motion.

### 2:00 pm Regular Meeting

#### Applications for Special Certificate of Appropriateness:

1. TIM AND MICHELLE ARNOLD are proposing to tear off the existing roof and install modified bitumen to the flat roof (like for like) and 5-vcrimp to the pitched section (currently rolled roofing painted white) at their single family residence at 126 Lowe Street. The subject property is legally described as Lot 29 Amd Plat of Tavernier Bch, Key Largo, Monroe County, Florida having Real Estate Number: 00566200-000000.

#### Staff presentation & recommendation

Diane Silvia read the staff report into the record noting the applicable standards and guidelines.

#### Applicant presentation

Timothy Arnold, property owner, was present. He had nothing further to add.

#### Public testimony

There was no public input.

#### Board discussion

None of the Commissioners had any concerns.

**Motion**

Donna Bosold motioned to approve the roofing project as proposed. Ray Rhash seconded the motion. All were in favor of the motion.

2. *Historic Preservation Commission support for designation of the Albury home site, at the pavilion in Old Settlers Park, as a historic landmark.*

Rey Ortiz said he does not see a historic structure at the site. He is aware there is a piece of the foundation from the house that used to be located there. He has not come upon any agreement with the County to designate the property. He needs to know what is significant about the site as he will have to present it to the BOCC. Three out of five County Commissioners will have to be in favor of the designation.

Alice Allen said she could bring many descendants of the Albury family that can attest to the location of the house.

Mr. Ortiz said the pavilion is not historic, it is the ground it sits on, which is an archaeological site.

Ms. Allen said there was an agreement with the County to place the pavilion on the home site. She explained the significance of the site is explained in the letter and photographic documentation provided by Jill Patterson and the documentation she has provided on the Albury family members.

Mr. Ortiz said he has not found any written agreement. A survey of the site may be necessary.

Donna Bosold asked if they intend to put a sign or historic marker on the site.

Mr. Ortiz said we should get the designation first and then ask for signage. signage may have to go to the BOCC or perhaps can be approved by the County Administrator. It may require a building permit. If they incorporate it onto a landscape boulder it may not require permitting.

Ms. Allen said there is a local organization that has funds for a small plaque.

Ms. Bosold there was some County money left over for the development of the park.

Bert Bender asked if there has been any archaeology done at the site.

Ms. Allen said no and now the site is covered by the pavilion. There are many of us that can attest to the location of the historic house.

Steve Williams asked what is significant about the site.

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Ms. Allen said the Albury's were one of the two founding families of Tavernier. The other family was the Lowe's.

Mr. Ortiz said there would need to be a survey and the exact footprint of the house would need to be indicated.

Mr. Bender said there should be an archaeological investigation to determine the location of the house. There is only a single pier. It may not be worthy of Landmark status and may not qualify under the Secretary of the Interior's Standards.

Ms. Allen noted there are probably many more photos.

Mr. Bender said we need physical evidence on site. He worked on a building in Stuart that they wanted to have designated. There was only a third of the building left. ended up restoring and reconstructing the missing portions and eventually it was designated. It was not deemed worthy of designation.

Ms. Allen said the piece of surviving foundation was moved to protect it.

Mr. Bender said that makes it worse. It is now an artifact out of context. A plaque could be added to the site.

Ms. Bosold asked if there had been any archaeology done prior to building the pavilion.

Mr. Ortiz said this site is already in the district and already protected. How would this designation help. Would this be another layer of protection.

Mr. Bender said it is not for protection, but for recognition of the Albury's.

Ms. Allen said the park was completed in 2002. There are many Albury's still here.

Mr. Bender suggested incorporating the foundation piece in a display with signage. He could

Mr. Ortiz cited Section 102 32-34?

Mr. Bender looked at the old photos of the structure and calculated the house was about 36' X 48'. We can get actual measurements from the house where it is now located in Islamorada. The pavilion is about 30' X 30'. We could extend the pavilion to follow the footprint of the house.

Mr. Ortiz said what are you going to ask the owner, which is the County. You need to make that decision.

Mr. Bender asked for a copy of the park site plan.

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Mr. Ortiz said he can send a PDF to Diane for distribution.

Ms. Allen said Jill is out of town for several weeks.

Mr. Ortiz said the Director is aware of this request for designation.

**Workshop Item: possible revisions to the Design Guidelines and Article III.  
Archaeological, Historical or Cultural Landmarks, Municode.**

Bert Bender noted that the section on demolition in the Municode is very well done.

Donna Bosold said we are trying to come up with a way to allow for staff approvals.

Mr. Bender stated the County process is very onerous.

Rey Ortiz said it would take too long to send the applications to Diane.

Donna Bosold pointed out that Enid staff approves 83% of the applications in Key West. Most of the items we have seen could have been staff approved.

Steve Williams noted that people complain and staff would have to take the blame.

Mr. Ortiz said they worked out a way to allow him to staff approve the sewer work.

Mr. Bender said an archaeologist should have been present. It is in the ordinance.

Mr. Ortiz said they approved the sewer laterals and now he is being blamed.

Mr. Williams asked what would you have expected staff to do with the Homeland Security application. I would think they would have approved it.

Ms. Bosold said the issue there was with the site plan.

**Other Business:**

**Adjournment.**

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