The Public Hearing of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board was called to order by James “Zach” Zacharias, at 2:00 p.m., in the Frank T. Bruno, Jr. County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 West Indiana Avenue, Room 204, DeLand, Florida. On roll call, the following members answered present, to wit:

COMMISSION PRESENT:
TOM ROBERTS, CHAIR - Absent
JAMES “ZACH” ZACHARIAS, VICE CHAIR – Physically Present
RONALD HOWELL, SECRETARY – Physically Present
BONDA GARRISON – Virtually Present
GREGORY HOLBROOK – Physically Present
DR. ANDREI LUDU - Absent
AERIEL MCCANN – Virtually Present
SHAINA MOORE – Physically Present
BRIAN POLK - Physically Present

STAFF PRESENT:
SUSAN JACKSON, AICP, Senior Planning Manager – Physically Present
TREVOR BEDFORD, Planner II, Historic Preservation Officer – Virtually Present
SEBRINA SLACK, Assistant County Attorney - Physically Present
YOLANDA SOMERS, Staff Assistant II – Physically Present

WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Vice Chair James “Zach” Zacharias welcomed everyone in the chambers and those attending virtually.

The Board recognized the virtual participation of Member Bonda Garrison and Member Aeriel McCain due to special circumstances.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting

Yolanda Somers, Staff Assistant II, provided corrections on Page 2 Line 44 and 45 in reference to the MacDonald House and on Page 3 Line 6 correcting the spelling of Calle Grande Arches.

Member Brian Polk MOVED to APPROVE the December 8, 2020 minutes. Member Gregory Holbrook SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously (7:0).
NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion on Plantation Oaks development

Clay Ervin, Growth & Resource Management Director, provided an update that the County is actively reviewing a 2001 study for 36 acres on the west side of Old Dixie Highway for potential historic preservation.

Member Brian Polk asked what the purpose of the acquisition.

Mr. Ervin explained that it currently is to preserve the commonly known area as “The Loop”.

Member Polk asked if the County would retain ownership or donate it to the State.

Mr. Ervin responded that it is unknown at this time. He mentioned that Tim Bailey, Parks & Recreation Director, was actively researching for grants to help facilitate the acquisition.

Member Bonda Garrison asked about the rest of the frontage of Old Kings Highway has 175-foot buffer from the Plantation Oaks development.

Mr. Ervin responded that there was a conservation easement that was granted by the developer in the beginning of the development and further described the area in regards to Halifax Plantation and Plantation Oaks.

Member Bonda Garrison asked if this would change the density of the Plantation Oaks.

Mr. Ervin responded that the developer requests that the 77 lots designated for this property be able to absorb elsewhere in the development.

Member Ronald Howell asked if the mandated buffer was on both side of the road.

Mr. Clay provided that the east side of Old Dixie Highway was part of Bulow State Park.

Member Brian Polk asked if the resources been determined.

Mr. Ervin responded that it may be the Second Atlantic Colony period.

Member Bonda Garrison inquired about the contract for purchase.

Mr. Ervin provided that it would be ninety days from the January 19, 2021 council date.

Member Gregory Holbrook asked for the board could receive a copy of the 2001 report.

Mr. Ervin affirmatively agreed to provide the study.
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2. Discussion of “Endangered Properties in Volusia County”

Trevor Bedford, Planner II, provided that the list provided was published on the board’s website from 2018. He mentioned that he had found a draft list for 2019 and was provided a 2020 list that was similar but the format was different. There has been status changes for Strawn sawmill and the Stockton-Linquist but it is unclear as to why the changes were done. He wanted to open discussion about the list and what it should obtain.

Member Brain Polk mentioned that the Strawn sawmill removed as it was not getting any attention. The Stockton-Linquist House has been purchased and is being renovated.

Member James “Zach” Zacharias commented that the Stockton-Linquist House could probably be removed this year.

Bonda Garrison provided her notes on the 2018 list, a DeLand CRA grant was applied for the Wright Building, the Persetty Boarding House was purchased and an applied for the National Registry. The Samsula School change to county designation and to remove from the list.

Member Gregory Holbrook commented that the Strawn Sawmill is on County owned property. There are structures on county lands that are not being cared for that. Who asks for ECHO grants and such to restore the structures the county is purchasing that aren’t being

Susan Jackson, Senior Planning Manager, offered to do an inventory of the properties on the list.

Member Gregory Holbrook asked that the list include all properties that were purchased for preservation.

Member Bonda Garrison commented that with all the changes in personnel, that a status of all the properties would be necessary before the list could be updated.

Member Brian Polk concurred with Member Bonda Garrison, and mentioned that the status of the properties should be updated as well.

Member Ronald Howell suggested that once a list is compiled, schedule a group visit, and maybe have a board volunteer pursue the individual structures to help identify what process the board might want to take at that time.

Sebrina Slack, Assistant County Attorney, mentioned that a motion would be helpful with what the list should contain. The Samsula School is a functioning charter school. The Strawn Packing House cannot be seen from public access.

Member Gregory Holbrook MOVED for staff to provide a list of County-owned properties for historic preservation. Member Brian Polk requested leased-properties (such as DeBary Hall) for historic preservation as well. Member Ronald Howell SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously (7:0).
3. Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

Trevor Bedford presented the meeting schedule mentioning that the Council has not finalized their calendar so it would be tentative. He mentioned that there was a request from a member to reevaluate the meeting day as it was a conflict preventing him from attending the meetings.

Member Brian Polk commented that in his ten years on the board, the meetings have been on Tuesdays and that the time had changes from 3:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. due to because there were issues.

Member Bonda Garrison commented that she would have conflicts with moving the meeting to Thursdays.

Vice Chair James “Zach” Zacharias MOVED to APPROVE the Meeting Schedule as presented. Member Ronald Howell SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously (7:0).

STAFF COMMENTS

None.

BOARD COMMENTS

None.

PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further comments from the public, staff, or members, Vice Chair James “Zach” Zacharias thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 2:44 p.m.

APPROVED

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James “Zach” Zacharias, Vice Chair

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Ronald Howell, Secretary