

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA**

**February 18, 2025
5:00 P. M.**

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Jerry Bowman
Tobi Aycock
Barbara Armbrister Boynton- E
Micah Johnson

Karen Moreland
Mona Silverstein- E
Kenneth Stolar
Robert Whitsett- Alternate #1
Carolyn Rhone- Alternate #2 -E

Dan Hobby, City Historian- A
Maggie Barszewski, Planner, COPB
Rita Mitchell, Dept Head Secretary

C. Establish a Quorum

Mr. Bowman stated a Quorum has been made by appointing Robert Whitsett.

D. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2025

Motion made by Micah Johnson to approve the Minutes from January 21, 2025 as presented. Motion seconded by Karen Moreland. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Audience to be Heard – Queen Herbert and Family, presenting for the Dual Naming of NW 27th Street

Queen stated she has no presentation at this time, but was available to answer any questions the committee may have.

Micah Johnson was called on first to speak. He stated he does not have any questions at this time. However, stated he was familiar with the family and its church within the community. Said the family are well respected and the church has an active outreach program within the community. Mr. Stolar and had no questions. Ms. Moreland also had no question however stated the family is well known in the city and is a prominent family. She is aware of the church's location and their activities.

Maggie made a Point of Order; Lamar Fisher made a proclamation for the Reverend Derico. This shows several years of contributions made by the Reverend and the church.

Mr. Bowman asked the number of years in which the Reverend has pastored the church. The family responded 27 years. He then advised on the process of renaming a street includes, contact to be made with the neighbors and a fee of \$500.00 for the application. He mentioned the next step would be to hear from the Historic Society Committee at their meeting, which takes place on the 1st Monday in March. March 3rd at 6:30 pm is the next scheduled meeting.

Seeing there were no additional questions and comments, the discussion was concluded.

Motion made by Kenneth Stolar to recommend approval of the application to rename the street NW 27th Street. Motion seconded by Micah Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Old Business

1. First Methodist Church Site/ George Foster Chapel

Mr. Adam Adache hosted the site visual and provided updates for the chapel. Bowman explained the committee has a responsibility to follow the safety and protection of the Historic asset.

Adam started by advising anytime someone would like to come into the chapel it should more than likely be scheduled during the cooler part of the day. He stated most of the windows are boarded at this time. Both the carpet and the tile need replacement. Cameras are now recording on both sides of the building and as a whole the interior is in similar condition as when it was purchased. None of the stain glass a disturbed during recent criminal activity. Since the plywood was placed on the windows there has since been no issues. Bowman pointed out tiles unsecured in the ceiling and stated they would more than likely fall during the move. The exterior of the building when separated from the sanctuary opened an interior window from the chapel and became 100% exposed. At this time, it is sealed with plywood and spray foam.

Open for Questions:

Micah asked, "Is there a target date for the move of the building?"

Adache responded, "There is not a target date for the move at this time." Initially the plan was to fund it with the construction loan. He said, "Right now the plans have been changed." "Due to the cost of the market, it has made it very challenging. Plans are now to make a little bit bigger units to try to make it more cost effective. Another way of looking at the project, is to have JB Partners come in and building it with him and then move it." He stated, "I do not have all the answers at this time, however hoping it could be in the next year or so." He thinks permits, even if stated today, could be an eight-month process.

Kenneth, asked "How sound is the building for moving?"

Adache responded, he has had a historic architect as well as another engineer come in and check for the sturdiness of the building for the move. The engineer thinks the building is sound and could make the move. Adache advised there was an eight-inch wall/ edge coming out, which is the old wall. The engineer suggests the wall is kept during the move, as he does not know what condition the original chapel wall was in. He advised for the move there are plates that could be bolted into the other wall. He told Adache he would be willing to draw of the spacing for the plates prior to the move. The original historic mover (moved the McNab House) stated the wall could come down. However, the engineer thinks the wall should be kept for the move.

Seeing the committee has no additional questions, the floor was opened for Audience to Be Heard.

Lee Waldo: Executive Director of the Sample McDougald House:

"Since we are no longer looking at the moving date to be within the year of 2025, could 26 or perhaps 2027 be the year of the move?"

Adache answered, "For us it cost money for the building to sit. We're trying to get everything funded. The investors and the limited partners have to come in comfortable with the budget and the numbers." At this time the interest rates are high, however expected to trend down in the near future. They are actively trying

to get it going due to the building sitting is not making money which is not cost effective.

Lee stated, the Sample McDougald House Preservation Society is excited to accept the building on the Centennial property. She asked if they could make arrangements to gain access into the building for photographic purposes. According to a grant already been submitted to the county, a crew would like to do an exhibit of the history of the chapel for next summer's presentation.

Adache stated, he is happy to let anyone into the building. However, although it is understood that budgets are hard to obtain, he would be willing to donate the building to the city temporally if the budget was there. The budget would be for temporary use where the building currently sits. For example, to use the building there would need to be an AC unit installed (which should be installed very high up). This would mean the building would need to be in use. Now that the public are aware the building is not in use, they would come and take the AC unit. If the building can become activated at least temporally, the public would be able to enjoy it and the differently committees could come and go.

Lee stated, that might be something worthy of examining. Having a meeting with the city as well as board meetings, we could come up with way to occupied the building. "The safest way to preserve a building is to occupy it.

Micah suggested, to install the AC unit and open the building as a "Wedding Chapel"

Mr. Adache does not care what the building is use for exactly, he would just like for the building to become occupied to preserve the building and keep it protected.

Mr. Bowman mentioned, from the Liability accept, depending on the owner or company they would have to give a certificate of Liability Insurance. Since we have the proposal/ statement from Mr. Adache, the committee could consider and discuss in another meeting the opportunity that was offered on the use of the building. This property is on the registry which makes this committee responsible for the registering it asset. The committee could partition the city to give this consideration.

The National Historic Trust gives out grant funds for places such as this one. There are grants available and the only way to get a grant is if the city owned the property. This way the City could partition for the grant money.

Motion made by Tobi Aycock to have the George Foster Chapel added to the agenda to begin discussion on the feasibility of activating the church as an interim use while we're waiting for the actual move to take place. Motion seconded by Micah Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned. Committee members and audience were taken on a tour around the chapel.

**NEXT MEETING
March 18, 2025 @ 5:00 P.M**

Commission Chambers Conference Room

100 West Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida