

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA**

May 21, 2024
5:15 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

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| Jerry Bowman | James Morehead |
| Tobi Aycock - Excused | Mona Silverstein |
| Barbara Armbrister Boynton – Absent | Karen Moreland - Absent |
| Micah Johnson | Robert Whitsett – Alternate #1 - Absent |
| | Ken Stolar - Alternate #2 - Absent |

C. Establish a Quorum

Mr. Bowman reported a Quorum has been established. Mr. Bowman asked Ms. DiBiase to remind the members, “ The Historic Preservation meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday of every month and would ask that all members please be on time.”

D. Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2024

Motion made by James Morehead to approve the Minutes of April 16, 2024. Motion seconded by Micah Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Audience in Attendance

Dirk DeJong, President, Sample McDougald House
Maggie Barszewski, Planner, City of Pompano
Rhonda Dibiase, Secretary II

F. Application for Dual Name – NE 10th Street / Centennial Drive

Mr. Bowman said we are recognizing Dirk DeJong, who is representing the requested changed to the street in the Application with Public Works for the Dual Naming of N.E. 10th Street and Centennial Drive.

Mr. Bowman stated for this procedure, if it is a street it goes to Public Works. If it is a park or a trail it goes to Parks and Recreation. The procedure is in order to establish community input that if it is a street it goes to the Historic Preservation. If it is about a name and it has any historic significance, this Committee can confirm or document that aspect and then the next step is the Historical Society to further document it, if it is historic.

Mr. Bowman continued stating, “So, the question we have here is there any input or any questions regarding the application for changing the name of N.E. 10th Street to Centennial Drive to replace the name of “Elks Lodge Drive.”

Mr. Bowman continued, “There is no Elks Lodge anymore on 10th Street. It used to be on the corner of 5th Avenue and 10th. The Centennial Drive name would be a wayfinding for the Centennial Park in which the Sample McDougald House resides.”

Mr. Bowman introduced Mr. DeJong and asked the members if they had any questions for him.

Mr. DeJong responded stating, “The only comment I would like to say, “As I drive through the City of Pompano and it is a pretty historic city considering it is 116 years old now, and as you

drive through the City there is not a whole lot in signs or anything letting you know it's over 100 years old. By having the sign placed prominently on Federal Highway down on changing on 10th to Centennial Drive, everyone who goes by that street will now understand what it is. It will also promote Centennial Park, which was also put together to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Pompano Beach at that time."

Mr. DeJong continued, "So, It would be one of the only areas in the City that really markets the 100+ years the City has been in business. Centennial Park is a public park and it also is a private park for the Sample McDougald House and we all know it is almost like a diamond in the city. It is used by the city, it is used by the residents for weddings and it is just a great place to be and once again, a great point to say, "Just come down to Centennial Drive, head west and you'll run right into Centennial Park."

Mr. DeJong stated, "To me it's pretty important. The other thing is the big parks in the City are right there also, its right by the Air Park, and once again, we want to promote those items. So, to me, it really makes a lot of sense. Unfortunately, the Elks Club is no longer there but once again the City was smart enough to buy that property and turn it into some parks and expand it into a soccer field. I just think it would make sense to name it "Centennial Boulevard" and the Board of Sample McDougald House actually discussed it and once again we favored the change 100% which I thought was pretty good also."

Mr. Bowman showed members a map and stated, "On the map it says to N.E. 3rd Avenue, which is the west street, west of the Centennial Park and apparently, from N.E. 3rd Avenue all the way to US 1, is fronted by City and Air Park property, so that explains the absence of any signs or notices to any residences along the route."

Mr. Bowman continued, "If there are no further questions, we are open for a motion at least in favor of the request."

Motion made Micah Johnson to change the name of N.E. 10th Street from Elks Lodge Drive to Centennial Drive in response to the application. Motion seconded by Mona Silverstein. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. DeJong asked Mr. Bowman what would be the next stop, where does it go next?

Mr. Bowman responded stating, "It will now go onto the Pompano Beach Historical Society to review and would be the 1st Monday of the month which would be June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. and then it would go onto the City Commission."

Mr. DeJong then asked, "If it is approved by the Historical Society, would it go onto the docket the last meeting in June?"

Ms. Barszewski replied, "It would also depend on when Rob McCaughan gets a request in. He will then have to request a Resolution from the city attorney. If he meets all the deadlines, he could actually have it on the 1st meeting for the City Commission which would be the 11th. But if he is waiting the Historical Society in order to create that Resolution then it might be on the June 25th ."

Mr. DeJong asked if it would require having two readings?

Ms. Barszewski responded, No, not if it is a Resolution. Mr. Bowman stated, "No, the Resolution would go before the Commission and they would vote."

Mr. DeJong was happy with this and asked, "So this could easily be done by July 1st."

Mr. Bowman said then it goes to the County because the County has jurisdiction over making signs and the traffic flow. So, it is at a traffic signal at US 1 and 10th Street.

Ms. Barszewski said, "It is a dual naming though so I'm not really sure they are involved in that. It will not change, it will still be "10th Street."

Mr. DeJong thanked all the members for letting him speak on this important item and Mr. Bowman wished him well on the upcoming event on June 29th.

G. Staff Report –Maggie Barszewski – will report through Agenda

H. Old Business

1. Historic Preservation Budget

Mr. Bowman stated the budget hasn't been impacted yet except for the couple thousand dollars for the inscription for the Hazel Armbrister Memorial.

2. Historic - Plaques, Signs and Markers

- a. Hazel Armbrister Memorial –
- b. McClellan Family Street (Renaming of 2nd Street)
Mr. Bowman stated nothing has happened yet. Ms. Barszewski stated she believes the signs cannot be put up until it goes through the County.
- c. First Methodist Church Site / George Foster Chapel

3. Potential Local Register Historic Sites

- a. Bank Building - 61 NW 1st Street
- b. Dusenbury House – 3416 Dover Road –
- c. McNab House –
- d. Robinson Houses (4)
 - Robinson House #1: 407 NE 5 Avenue
 - Robinson House #2: 405 NE 5 Avenue
 - Robinson House #3: 406 NE 5 Avenue
 - Robinson House #4: 400 NE 5 Avenue
- e. Bailey Saxon House – 500 NE 4th Street
- f. Blanche Ely Administration Office on the Campus of Ely High School
- g. Westview Cemetery
Mr. Bowman stated, "We had a little bit of a response a while back when Ed Phillips came to the committee with Sonja Williams Finney who was doing research but we do not have any report on what action is being done and asked Micah if he knew anything?
Mr. Johnson responded saying they were at the anniversary for the Historical Society and he believes the hearing got moved back again a month or so because it was supposed to be held back in March.
Mr. Bowman said, "We are just trying to keep up with what is going on because if we take an application from their owners before things can be done by this committee, we have to ensure it is in our interests that it is a historic site and of historic significance to the city. Our communitywide basis where are certainly very interested in hearing from them but that's all we can do."

Mr. Johnson commented saying, "I think that site, the cemetery, was founded in the late 1940s."

Mr. Bowman responded, "We some of the history back then and we know why it was done, and we certainly like to be the ones that recognize the historical significance of it and asked Micah if there is anything he can do, they would appreciate it."

4. Potential National Register Historic Sites

- a. George Foster Chapel
- b. McNab House

Ms. Bowman stated these could be on the site at some point in the future so we will keep these on the agenda for a couple of years in the future.

5. Self-Guided Historic Tour - QR Code Location Map

- a. Cultural Arts Historic Tour

Mr. Bowman stated that Tobi Aycock is not here but the QR code, and everyone is familiar with QR code. The most significant meaning for us as Historic preservation in is the Timeline Display of Pompano Beach. If you look and scan the QR codes on each picture, it will give you a background of each historic feature on there.

Mr. Bowman said Dan Hobby is on a cruise and he has the research information that Tobi had asked him to look through and we are in the process.

6. Historic Downtown

Mr. Bowman stated the Historic Downtown is something we kind of pushed back a little bit because of the branding process. He stated he would like to hear more about this and asked Ms. Barszewski if they would be willing to come and talk to us about the branding?

Ms. Barszewski said, "I think it has more to do with the CRA people and their hiring the consultant for that." Ms. Barszewski replied, "She can ask Sandra if she can come in and tell us more about this."

Mr. Bowman responded and asked Ms. Barszewski, "How can they do that with the entire city? We are talking about wayfinding signs for branding for historic sites. If they could explain to us what they are doing. We don't intend to forget about its signage as far as wayfinding, it's just that they actually told us to stop with the signage effort."

Mr. Bowman stated our next meeting is June 18th. If everyone could put it in their calendar as it is important that everybody show up at meetings for their input. Mr. Bowman continued and stated, "the two items we are concerned with is the downtown and historical signage. As you ride around the City, you are not reminded it has 116 years of history. We understand about apparent feelings of development and they don't like to put that up front but there is a value to historic assets and there is a value to people who have lived a long time for the wisdom they have accumulated over the years."

7. Historic Designation Signs for Local Roads/Wayfinding Signs

8. Inventory List of Historical Sites and Artifacts

Mr. Bowman stated this is a list of inventory we have and if anyone has a discussion or anything to add to it, please let him know.

9. Maintenance of Historic Plaques, Signs and Markers

Mr. Bowman stated the maintenance of plaques, signs, and markers is still in discussion because, this again has to do with branding. We are in favor of branding historic assets and especially the 19 sites we have on the local historic register and again, we have been advised branding is the reason that we can't pursue having some kind of historic branding for historic assets.

I. New Business

J. Announcements

Mr. Bowman announced the following:

Historical Society will hold their annual Mix & Mingle at the McMahon's on May 25th.

K. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mona Silverstein, Motion was seconded by James Morehead. Mr. Bowman recognized the Motion. Meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
NEXT MEETING
June 18, 2024 @ 5:00 P.M
Commission Chambers Conference Room
100 West Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida**