

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA**

September 20, 2021
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES

A. Call to Order

B. Roll Call

Jerry Bowman
Tobi Aycock
Barbara Armbrister Boynton
Micah Johnson
Carlton Gillespie - Absent

Mona Silverstein
Karen Moreland
Jacqueline Reed – Alternate #1 – Absent
James Morehead – Alternate – Voting

C. Audience in Attendance (5 Minute)

Dan Hobby, City Historian
Maggie Barszewski, Liaison

D. Establish a Quorum

Quorum established.

E. Approval of the Minutes of June 21, 2022

Motion was made by James Morehead to approve the Minutes of June 21, 2022. Motion seconded by Micah Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of July 19, 2022

Motion was made by Mona Silverstein to approve the Minutes of July 19, 2022. Motion seconded by James Morehead. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

F. Staff Report –Maggie Barszewski

The “Dual Naming of NE 2nd Street/McClellan Street”

Maggie Barszewski said there is an Ordinance out there that she was not really involved with and she has been notified by the Public Works Director that this is something that has to go through them, and then HPC for a vote and then it will have to go to the Historical Society.

Ms. Barszewski said the applicant has submitted the \$500 and she spoke to Mr. Bowman about it and they were hoping that there would not be any additional fees that would have to be submitted as there is in fact, \$500 is just an application fee. So, in order to implement if something is approved, there is generally another cost to actually implement and that is where they have to go in and change all of the street signs. In this case, I found out the extra amount is going to be \$600 to \$800 more and what we would like to do is see if the City would be able to accept the costs, or waive the costs, of the applicant in the light of the fact that we would like to do that on the part to accommodate the family that we all and love and want to make sure to help them out since we did have the problem with the tearing down of that building.

Ms. Barszewski said she did inquire on how we could propose that and the Public Works Director suggested that we go ahead and have a motion here and she will go ahead and run it up the ladder to see

if it is a possibility because he said with every application that he gets, this is always a request.

Mona Silverstein asked if there is any chance, we could involve the person that took down the building and let them pay the extra fees?

Mr. Bowman said most of the time, the applications that we've seen didn't involve a recompense. The circumstances are different in every case I'm sure. But in this particular case we are appealing to the circumstances of this request was in place having the total family history completely cleared off the property that they occupied for many years and it was expected that there was going to be a building repaired and moved across the street and all this discussion for two years. I don't think that is the usual case for somebody requesting a street name be changed. It is only 3 blocks involved in that.

Ms. Barszewski said the Director of Public Works went ahead and did a preliminary review of the length of it and came up with the range of \$600 to \$800. That is what we are looking at and to see if it can be waived. She did bring up the fact that they could talk with Mr. Adache and she wants to make sure that that doesn't preclude him from going forward with the other possibility of him putting a plaque on a fountain he is creating.

Mr. Bowman said what we are concerned with is that we don't want this one action from this committee to have anything to do with the other project we are working on that was requested by the Administration that the Preservation Committee and the Historical Society work with Mr. Adache to see that something is memorialized on the premises that reflects the history of that family having been there. This is a separate thing and we want to keep it that way. So, the motion perhaps would say that in the wording that it is totally separate from the effort that we are working with the developer.

Mr. Bowman went on to say the it is now for consideration the obligation the part this committee has is that we would be approving or disapproving the process that also involve the Pompano Beach Historical Society's approval for this request of the dual naming of this street for three blocks to go forward is based on the approval of these committees because of the historic aspect of it. He then opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Bowman gave Ms. Moreland the history of the McClellan family. The McClellan family was a family who the father was a doctor and lived at the corner of 2nd Street and 1st Avenue in Old Town. This doctor came here in 1921 and in 1923 or 1924 built a little square office on the corner, but before that, he had built a house. They ended up, to his memory, owning half of that block and the Firestone store and a gift shop all on that half block. So, the McClellan's were a significant family that lived here many years and they came from **Lavack**, Florida and he retired in 1957.

Mr. Bowman stated when the developer discussion came about for that piece of property, it went through a couple of sales and then the developer bought it and he is erecting a 10-story apartment retail complex named Old Town Square. We have been discussing with the representative from that developer, Adam Adache. What happened was there was an ongoing discussion with the City for two years and we were going to try to save the little building and move it across the street on the westside of that avenue and it and it just became a the continued discussion and the financial amount of it, to redo the building and every time it came up the City would say "They are talking about it and working on it."

Mr. Bowman continued, stating, "In the meantime, the developer had a permit to develop that piece of property and then one Sunday morning, he demolished it. He destroyed a piece of history and it was not protected by ordinance.

Mr. Bowman said he had a right to do what he did, except he disregarded the ongoing discussions he had with the City of Pompano Beach. So, then came a ruling from the City of Pompano Beach that we

would pursue an agreement with him, because he tore down the building, he should feel some responsibility to consider the family and their history and we have had discussion up to a point. In the meantime, the family requested that we change the name of the street to a “dual name” that’s NE 2nd Street for 3 blocks from Flagler to 3rd Avenue. So, that is where we are at the moment.

Mr. Bowman said part of the City’s rule about this is because it involves historic subject, that the Historic Preservation Committee gives their input to the City about whether we are in favor or not in favor. All those involved with this agree there is history here and if they requested to name the street and they paid the fees and made the proper approach we are asking for motion from the Committee to move on and this is a proper vetting process and we can approve this. So, we are open for a Motion.

Mr. Morehead asked is this an all or nothing? Is the first part separate partnering with the Historical Society and the second part about money? Is there a financial aspect to this?

Mr. Bowman this is a historic question for this committee. It is only regarding history. We are asking if this is a historic subject. If these people did actually exist and they did have history, and are we in favor of the City dual naming the street for 3 blocks for their name? That’s it.

Mr. Bowman said, “Now, you could say in a separate consideration that we if not request any financial requirements of that ordinance be waived but not including the fee. The application fee that is submitted is \$500.00 every time there is a request made like this, but that is not our question and is not our decision. We are just merely pointing out there is some recompence here, some responsibility on the City and on the part of the Developer that something didn’t go right, according to the public’s opinion.”

Mr. Bowman said what our responsibility here is to just comply with the request and that is “Is this a historical consideration?”

Motion was made by Micah Johnson the McClellan family is a historical family in the Pompano Beach area and the dual naming of the streets press forward. Motion seconded by Mona Silverstein. All voted in favor of the motion.

Ms. Barszewski said she would also like to report to the Director and the City Managements office that the HPC is requesting that the fees be waived in light of the situation in what happened to the building being demolished.

Motion made by Tobi Aycock asking the City to waive the expense and fees in implementing the dual naming of North East 2nd Street/McClellan Street and wave the cost of any additional fees in light of the situation and what happened to the building. Motion seconded by Mona Silverstein. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Timeline Location

Ms. Barszewski said the Timeline visited the Scholnick Center and now it is at the Pat Larkins Center and they like it there. She asked if they want to create a schedule and they are open to anything the HPC wants.

Mr. Bowman said it is great that it has a home, but if it comes to the attention of this committee that it would make like to visit a venue, then we could move it. We just don’t want it stored anywhere. As long as it is on view.

Ms. Barszewski said we want to make sure it has a lot of traffic and people see it.

Ms. Aycock said she saw it at the Scholnick Center but it was tucked away.

Mr. Bowman said we don't want it against the wall but in a place of prominence. Can someone volunteer and go by the Pat Larkins Center and if anyone has a place for it to go, please let us know. There was a lot of work put into that and it has 100 years of Pompano history.

G. Old Business

1. Historic Preservation Budget – Not Discussed

2. Historical - Plaques, Signs and Markers

- a. Hazel Armbrister Memorial** – Ms. Aycock said you already know the PAC sent out formal requests and we had 29 people respond. The PAC broke it down to 8 finalists and Brodin Studios was picked as the finalist. She passed around some of their pass work and a history on them. We are suggesting keeping the color light and asked inquired anyone has a nice picture of Hazel as the PAC would like a few more pictures. She also showed the committee members where the statue will be located.

Mr. Bowman said this is a joint effort. It was given to the HPC as a Motion from the City Commission to pursue this and the PAC became partners in the effort and the Public Cultural Arts Committee has the funding. We only have funding for something that is already designed in our budget and upon request and this is estimated to cost \$65,000 or in that realm. The point is our part in this is the historic wording for the legacy of Hazel Armbrister. It may be in a QR Code eventually on the plaque but we would supply the wording. In the past we have already approved the wording that a subcommittee came up with and we are progressing on this.

- b. McClellan Family Memorial Plaque** – Mr. Bowman said we want to make sure that our action with the compliance with the Ordinance of the City with street naming doesn't have anything to do with the memorial plaque that we are pursuing with the Adache Development Company. Ms. Aycock may have a report or an update.

Ms. Aycock said prior to our last meeting, she has not tried forwarding any more emails. She had tried forwarding the same email again and he is non-responsive. At the last Historical Society meeting we decided it would be better if perhaps staff take a more active role instead of the committee and the emails come from Maggie.

Mr. Bowman said this is also a collective effort between the HPC as a city representative and the Pompano Beach Historical Society upon which we appointed subcommittees from each organization. They have approached Mr. Adache and there has been some communication, but then it stopped. At some point, we will ask to appeal to City Administration to give us some help.

Ms. Aycock said in her emails she had attached ideas that were similar to the plaque they created for the post office and that was the only one she sent, saying "This is an idea, would this be acceptable?"

Mr. Bowman said the progress of this seems to be stalled and when Nyugen

Tran was here he said he is in continuous communications with Mr. Adache all the time and he would try to move it. But we are not waiting for that. If you need a motion, we will move something. The Committee is resolved to get something on the premises and we understood there is foundation on the site and are hoping to get a plaque at the foundation to show the history of the site. We want a QR Code but we do need some discussion so we can move ahead.

- c. **Apollo Park Memorial Plaque** – Mr. Bowman said this is something that we need to move on. The plaque needs wording on Apollo 13, there is history on it and they just had an anniversary. All we are asking for is more of an explanation of the part that is displayed there and where it came from and what it represents.

Mr. Johnson said he just found out that one of his classmates, James Heal, passed away and in 1973 they did a name contest to name the park. At the funeral, one of his daughters said he had something to do with naming of Apollo Park. It happened to be replica of the spaceship but that was destroyed by some of the kids. The only thing that is left there is the stand that held the replica.

Motion was made by Micah Johnson to remove this item from the Agenda. Motion seconded by Mona Silverstein. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Dr. Moses D. Dixon Memorial Plaque** – Mr. Bowman asked Mr. Johnson what was his recommendation on this? Mr. Johnson stated this is the 3rd time we went over this and this information was passed around also. Mr. Jones was the first curator of that park and was for a long time and asked for a plaque to be installed in his name and the location.

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Motion was made by Micah Johnson to install a memorial plaque in honor of Dr. Moses D. Dixon at Westside/Mitchell Moore Park. Motion seconded by Tobi Aycock. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Bowman said this will be a plaque and Micah has already done the wording and will give to Maggie and she will do something along the standard of plaques and pedestals that we do and will honors the curator of the park for many years.

3. **Potential Local Register Historic Sites**

Mr. Bowman said we are talking about prospective sites we would like to see.

- a. **Bank Building - 61 NW 1st Street** – Mr. Bowman said Joe Usman is always cordial but hasn't taken the time but we have not gotten an application.
- b. **Dusenbury House – 3416 Dover Road** - Mr. Bowman said this is the interesting architectural home in Hillsboro Shores community. The current owner said there is a new owner.
- c. **McNab House** – Mr. Bowman said the McNab house is in progress for a restaurant. Since the exterior is going to be preserved and we are interested in that being on the local register as a prominent asset of the city and we are waiting for a future time when it is complete. Ms. Barszewski said the CRA waits until they are completed with their projects before applying for the local

register. It is definitely going to be listed someday.

- d. Robinson Houses (4)** – we would like to have one of these houses on the local register. and one is next to the Austin house.
-Robinson House #1: 407 NE 5 Ave
-Robinson House #2: 405 NE 5 Ave
-Robinson House #3: 406 NE 5 Ave
-Robinson House #4: 400 NE 5 Ave
Mr. Bowman stated the Robinson houses were discussed during the discussion on the Historic Preservation Brochures /Pamphlets and are on the “Red Flag” list. However, Mr. Bowman would still like to see one of them on the Local Register and asked for a generic letter to be sent out to the Robinson house on the east side of street along with the updated brochure.
- e. Bailey Saxon House** - Mr. Bowman asked for a generic letter to be sent out to along with the updated brochure.
- f. Blanche Ely Administration Office on the Campus of Ely High School.**
Mr. Bowman asked if there is any way we can communicate with Ms. Massey to discuss if there is any progress on the efforts to get the building on the local register? Karen Moreland will reach out to her.
- g. Westview Cemetery** – Ms. Aycock said she is not sure what happened to it and has not seen anything as far as zoning. She believes the sale of the property feel through and she thought Walter is still on the board and nothing has changed. She will reach out to him again. She went to the office with David Miller and he was interested then in getting something going. They are trying to get it on the local historic register so they can help them get grants and such to protect the property. However, they were trying to sell off a portion of the property and their attempt was to use the money for the property. If we can move forward with getting them on the local register it may help them with grants and further protection. Ms. Aycock said they just have to get the Board of Directors to fill out an application. The DAR have agreed to file for a grant, along with the Pompano Beach Historical Society to help catalog everything to simply get money to hire surveyors and plot out the existing plots.
Mr. Bowman said we have gone as far as we have gone as a committee, but the ownership has to complete it and make the movements to make this happen. That is what we do. We can't beyond that. This will be on a plaque once we consider and would be happy to recognize it.
Karen Moreland said there are two boards. Ms. Aycock said there cannot be two boards but they will check and find out the one legal board.
- h. Conrad Picket Stained Glass Exhibit in Founder's Park** – Mr. Bowman stated there is an ongoing discussion regarding Conrad Pickle house. This is not official but Mr. Conrad Pickle's stained glass exhibit was lost at least when he sold the house and it came to the new owners and they dismantled the stain glass that was the exhibit around the pool.
Ms. Aycock said there were 9 left but the sculpture they are trying to create with a concrete footing and a beam with columns well-made and have 8 louvers that will pivot so they can turn and the sun will the glass.
Mr. Bowman stated we are just advising this Committee there is an ongoing discussion with the Pompano Beach Historical Society owns those panels and there was an effort originally to put them in Founders Park, but now there is a

discussion to make a gift of those to the McNab Park in the Botanical Garden. It is just a discussion and nothing we have to do it is just information. Ms. Aycock offered unless the members would like to contribute money because the project is probably going to cost \$50,000 to create this and repair the panels. Ms. Aycock said they are applying for one \$10,000 grant so far to go with the gift, but that still leaves it a little light on the gift side. Mr. Bowman stated his is a dual project between the DAR and the Pompano Beach Historical Society.

4. Potential National Register Historic Sites

- a. Blanche Ely Museum
- b. Historic Ali Cultural Arts Center
- c. BaCA – Bailey Cultural Arts

Mr. Bowman said we had a discussion at one time that Dan Hobby would fill out some applications.

Ms. Barszewski stated she contacted Ruben Acosta to ask him specifically is needed to be submitted to do a preliminary assessment. That is the first step and she has not gotten a reply left and she has also left him a message.

Mr. Bowman asked what else can we do? We have 3 incredible places we would like and should be on the National Register. We want some more recognition for national. We have 2 on the national register in this whole city of 115,000 – 120,000 people and are void of historic national recognition.

Ms. Barszewski said she has been told the more important one is actually the local one, and that is actually the most important one to make sure either a tax abatement or the fact that they would be given a hard time if it is torn down. At least we have them locally listed and are waiting for Mr. Acosta to respond.

5. Self-Guided Historic Tour/App

Mr. Bowman stated this Historic Tour could be done with a QR Code on every site and all you would have to do is know is the 19 sites and that was in a Motion over a year ago. We would initially use the 19 sites and after that, we didn't have any more updated information. We will have to give for each site, a short description if that site for a QR Code at each one of these sites.

Ms. Barszewski when we did the QR for the Timeline, the information we gathered was from Mr. Hobby's book, as well as from other sources and then Jacqueline Barret had the program to do the QR Code and she can ask her and show her how to do it.

Ms. Barszewski said this was originally assigned to Carton Gillespie and she understands that he has not been attending any meetings or answering anyone's phone calls or emails and Asceleta Desmond will be contacting him to see if he wants to continue to be on the board because he obviously is not showing up. Ms. Barszewski said she thinks it is time they replace him.

Mr. Bowman said he left him 3 messages without a response. We've have had difficulty in having a quorum and we need every vacancy filled. Ms. DiBiase stated she placed a call to Carlton today and left a voicemail stating that Mr. Bowman was trying to get a hold of him and asked him if he still wants to be a member of the Board, however, he does not answer his texts

or does not return a phone call.

Ms. Aycock said it only takes 4 months, he should be gone now. She said that Robbie Woodside at the Historical Society has already applied and is very qualified and would be an asset to this Committee. Also, Willie Brown from the Rock Road Restoration Group who is a lifetime person from Pompano Beach is also an individual she would like to apply.

Mr. Bowman asked if it was proper for them to discuss this? Carlton Gillespie's position was Commission at Large and they all agree on the members.

6. Historic Preservation Brochures/Pamphlets

Ms. Barszewski reported that the HPC Brochures/Pamphlets have been completed. She gave each members a few brochures and said she brought 100 of them with plans to give them to Mr. Bowman for the Historical Society so if people ask about the local register, they can give them a brochure and they could also happen to be an owner of a prospect.

Mr. Bowman stated we have 19 sites on the local register and in order to be added to the local register, it has to be an historic property and the owner has to request that it be named an historic site. We prepared these brochures several years ago and this is an updated publication. All the photos and images on it are existing historic sites and that list is also out in the lobby of the City Commission Chambers.

Mr. Bowman said one of the prospects that we've always wanted to see a Robinson House on the register, is for sale. Mr. Bowman said he believes its Wallace Robinson's (Alan) house that is for sale, it is the big house on the westside on the corner with a wood frame and has an organ in it. They said it needs a lot of repairs and they are doing the roof over."

Ms. Barszewski said there are two of them for sale and they are doing the roof and it didn't need a replacement so they didn't need a Certificate of Appropriateness. They are on the "Red Flag" program and nothing is happening to them at the moment and the "Red Flag" is working.

Mr. Bowman said there is talk about demolishing the big Robinson house and Maggie said it will not happen and it will be "red flagged" and if a demo application comes through, it will also have to go through the HPC.

Mr. Bowman said it is big piece of property and they are asking close to \$1M and the one next to it is for sale as well.

Tobi Aycock asked if it is possible to make sure the brochures are placed in all the Community Centers? She delivers for the Historical Society to the Lighthouse and every time all the flyers are missing, so she doesn't know if they throw them away or they just fly out. When Pat makes her drop off the flyers, she drops them off at all the Community Centers.

Ms. Barszewski said she will drop them off at each Community Center. Ms. Aycock also asked her to drop them off at the Cultural Tourism Center the City runs at the parking garage at the Beach.

7. Creation of Pompano Beach Historic Districts

Not discussed.

8. Historic Designation Signs for Local Roads/Wayfinding Signs

Mr. Bowman said Mr. Tran said he would assign this as a project. Ms. Aycock stated that Nyugen Tran has assigned this to one of his staff members at the CRA and they are very interested. They are going to put wayfinding signs to our historic assets and downtown and will give us an update when they move further.

Ms. Barszewski said that was the first she heard, but she does have some news on how that is going to be funded. We are applying for a grant on October 13th that will include funding of such signs, so we are moving right along.

9. Inventory List of Historical Sites and Artifacts

Mr. Bowman said they started the list 3 to 5 years ago and will pass it out at the next meeting for the members to update.

10. New Business

Mr. Bowman said none from the forum he suggested to the Committee-at-Large about adding the word “Historic” to the “Old Pompano Neighborhood.” He said is not sure what their jurisdiction is but in the Old Pompano area, approximate boundaries NE 10th Street north to Atlantic Boulevard, west to NW 6th Avenue, south to Atlantic Boulevard, East to no man’s land (which Dan Hobby said is the city limits), Mr. Bowman said he is thinking 11th Avenue and NE 2nd Street used to have a sign that said ‘Old Pompano Neighborhood’ that was destroyed in a traffic accident. Somebody said it is just pushed over behind some bushes. It was not an HOA effort or it could have been Historical Society.

Dan Hobby said Marian Phelps was the one who lead the charge on that.

Mr. Bowman said there are signs in different areas and Ms. Barszewski said she believes those come from the HOA’s in the neighborhoods that are putting those signs up.

Mr. Bowman said he would like to add this to the Agenda, adding the word “Historic” to the Old Pompano Neighborhood. He has heard the HOA in that neighborhood is non-functional and does not hold meeting and we used to go to them and he has not heard of one recently

Mr. Hobby Marion would be the best person. The other people involved, Doris Price, is not really around much nor Chris Mullin.

Ms. Barszewski said she will call Marion.

H. Announcements

No Announcements

I. Adjournment

Motion was made by Mona Silverstein to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Micah Johnson. All voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
NEXT MEETING
October 18, 2022 @ 5:00 P.M
Commission Chambers Conference Room
100 West Atlantic Boulevard, Pompano Beach, Florida**