

Historic District Regulatory Board
Minutes of March 16, 2023 Meeting
City of Lake Wales
201 W. Central Avenue, Lake Wales, FL 33853

A regular meeting of the Board of Historic District Regulatory Board was held on March 16, 2023 at 5:15 PM in the City Commission Chambers at the Administration Building.

Chairman Brandon Alvarado called the meeting to order at 5:14 P.M.

Agenda Item 1. Roll Call

Members Present: Brandon Alvarado (Chairman), Scott Crews, Tammy James, Tina Peak, and Tiffany Davis

Staff Present: Autumn Cochella, Interim Director of Development Services and Christina Adams, Assistant Planner & Recording Secretary

Agenda Item 2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Alvarado asked if there were any suggestions or edits that needed to be made to the minutes from last month's meeting.

Ms. Peak made a motion to approve with spelling corrections and Ms. Davis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved with corrections by a vocal vote from all Board members.

Agenda Item 3. Atlantic Blue Capital, LLC – Exterior Renovation

Subject: Approval of Exterior Alterations

Presenter: Autumn Cochella

Mr. Crews recused himself for this item as Parlier and Crews Architects are the agent for this business owner.

Ms. Cochella presented the staff report. Mr. Alvarado opened the floor to the Public Hearing and with no movement he closed the Public Hearing. The Board had no questions or comments and Mr. Alvarado asked for a motion.

Ms. Peak made a motion to approve the application and Ms. James seconded the motion. The item was passed unanimously by a vocal vote.

Agenda Item 4. Presentation on Historic Markers by Tina Peak

Ms. Peak passed out documentation from the Polk County Historical Commission on their Historical Marker Program.

Mr. Crews asked if the Historic Markers would hinder development on those specific properties and Ms. Peak stated it would not.

Ms. Peak stated the pricing would be different for a wall marker on a building, costing around \$1000, compared to a standalone marker, costing around \$1200-1500, plus an administrative fee of \$315 to the County which would help cover the maintenance.

Ms. Cochella informed the Board that City staff would begin discussing the budget for the next fiscal year and maybe the Board could come up with a list of Historical buildings they may want to add Markers too and attempt to ask Commission to allocate funds towards that. She stated the Board can recommend to staff specific locations they'd like to try and obtain funding for to have Historical Markers placed. Ms. Peak stated she would get quotes of all costs to present to the Board so that they may try to recommend two or three properties a year for City Commission to consider funding.

Agenda Item 5. Other Business

Ms. Cochella gave the Board an update on Robin Gibson's building progress and stated they may be coming back to the Board as they have not been able to find matching brick for the façade. Christina Adams, the Assistant Planner, was introduced to the Board. There was discussion about the Rhodesbilt Arcade being listed for sale and if the Board had any say on the interior units to which Ms. Cochella responded the interior is not under the Board's purview currently.

Agenda Item 6. Communications and Petitions

None.

Agenda Item 7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Brandon Alvarado, Chairman



Attest: Recording Secretary