CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
COMMUNITY PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

Council Chambers
City Hall

February 14, 2017
Tuesday, 3:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: Robert “Bob” Carter, Chair
Keisha A. Bell
Christopher “Chris” A. Burke
Will Michaels
Gwendolyn “Gwen” Reese
Jeffery “Jeff” M. Wolf
Lisa Wannemacher, Alternate
Thomas “Tom” Whiteman, Alternate

Commissioners Absent: Jeff Rogo, Vice Chair
Sharon Winters, Alternate

Staff Present: Derek Kilborn, Manager, Urban Planning & Historic Preservation
Larry Frey, Ph.D., Historic Preservationist, Urban Planning & Historic Preservation
Laura Duvekot, Historic Preservationist, Urban Planning & Historic Preservation
Michael Dema, Assistant City Attorney
Vicky Davidson, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Economic Development

The public hearing was called to order at 3:02 p.m., a quorum was present.

I. OPENING REMARKS OF CHAIR AND SWEARING IN OF WITNESSES

II. ROLL CALL

III. MINUTES

The minutes from the January 10, 2017 meeting were approved as written by a consensus vote.

IV. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS

Note: Commissioner Wolf was recused from the following item (HPC 16-90300008) due to a conflict.

A. City File HPC 16-90300008

Request: Owner-initiated application for the designation of a local historic district to the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places.

Contact Person: Laura Duvekot, 892-5451
Location: The proposed district includes all parcels facing the portion of 18th Avenue Northeast that lies between Walnut Street Northeast and Elm Street Northeast.

Staff Presentation

Laura Duvekot gave a PowerPoint presentation based on the staff report.

Applicant Presentation

Elizabeth Skidmore, owner, gave a presentation in support of the request.

Public Hearing

The following people spoke in support of the designation:
David Novak, 735 18th Ave NE
William (Britt) Cobb, 226 18th Ave NE
Ward Boston, 745 18th Ave NE
Kendall Reid, 806 18th Ave NE
Mary Anne Boston, 745 18th Ave NE
Kim Cromwell, 706 18th Ave NE
Emily Elwyn, representing St. Petersburg Preservation
Robin Reed, representing Historic Old Northeast NA
Kate DeMarco, 636 18th Ave NE

Executive Session

Commission Chair Carter stated how pleased he is to see all the neighbors working together for the good of the neighborhood and community, and feels designating a small section of the neighborhood at a time is the way to go.

Commissioner Wannemacher asked if the City now has the responsibility to preserve all of the elements in the ROW (light poles, granite curbs, brick roadways, sidewalks, etc.). Ms. Duvekot stated that the City’s Traditional Streetscape regulations already protects those elements in the ROW because the proposed district is located within an existing historic district listed in the National Register.

Commissioner Wannemacher asked if a designation provides this district an extra level of protection (e.g. from any roadway or sidewalk improvements). Mr. Kilborn stated that a COA would have to be obtained for any ROW projects proposed within the subject district.

Commissioner Burke asked how the application met the criteria for being a geographically definable neighborhood. Ms. Duvekot stated that one criteria for a district designation is concentration, which is present (contained within one block) and along with such a high degree of owner support the Division felt it met the criteria.

Commissioner Michaels voiced his pleasure in seeing this come before them with such great support from people wanting to protect their neighborhood; he supports the request.
MOTION: Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Michaels seconded a motion approving the Local Historic District to the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places for the “700 Block of 18th Avenue Northeast.”

VOTE: YES – Bell, Burke, Michaels, Reese, Wannemacher, Whiteman, Carter
NO – None

Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

Note: Commission Chair Carter was recused from the following item (COA 16-90200053) due to a conflict.

B. City File COA 16-90200053

Contact Person: Larry Frey, 892-5470

Request: Approval of Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a portico addition along the Brevard Road elevation (west), located in the Granada Terrace Historic District at 2209 Brevard Road Northeast.

Staff Presentation

Larry Frey gave a PowerPoint presentation based on the staff report.

Applicant Presentation

Karen Trapanie, owner, gave a brief presentation in support of the request. She stated that she had considered a flat roof but found from personal experience that a gable roof is much easier to maintain than a flat roof.

Public Hearing

No speakers present.

Executive Session

Commissioner Wannemacher asked about the requirement for the stucco of the new addition to match the existing of which is not the normal practice. Dr. Frey explained that he felt it was more appropriate to match as much as possible because it is a single family home (not a commercial building) and the differentiation will be achieved through other means. Dr. Frey went on to say that he thinks the application of the stucco will be slightly different from the historic stucco currently there; the materials will offer the differentiation versus the difference in stucco.

MOTION: Commissioner Michaels moved and Commissioner Bell seconded a motion approving the Certificate of Appropriateness with conditions for the construction of a portico addition in accordance with the staff report.

VOTE: YES – Bell, Burke, Michaels, Reese, Wannemacher, Whiteman, Wolf
NO – None

Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
V. REPORT

The item below was deferred until the March 14, 2017 meeting.

A. Draft Heritage Tourism Study

Presentation by Commission Member Michaels for discussion.

VI. INFORMATION

A. CPPC Member Handbook

New handbooks were given to the Commissioners with a brief explanation of how these guidelines will help in their deliberations. Derek Kilborn asked the Commissioners for comments and suggestions for future inclusions.

VII. CPPC MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIII. ADJOURN

With no further items to come before the Commission, the public hearing was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.