



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

**Council Chambers  
City Hall**

**March 12, 2019  
Tuesday, 2:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Jeff Rogo, Chair  
Keisha A. Bell  
Will Michaels  
Lisa Wannemacher, Alternate  
Sharon Winters, Alternate

**Commissioners Absent:** Christopher "Chris" A. Burke, Vice Chair  
Gwendolyn "Gwen" Reese  
Jeffery "Jeff" M. Wolf  
Thomas "Tom" Whiteman, Alternate

<sup>1</sup> *excused*

**Staff Present:** Derek Kilborn, Manager, Urban Planning & Historic Preservation  
Laura Duvekot, Historic Preservationist II, Urban Planning & Historic Preservation  
Heather Judd, Assistant City Attorney  
Katherine Connell, Administrative Assistant, Planning & Development Services  
Paul Traci, Office Systems Specialist, City Clerk

The public hearing was called to order at 2:00 p.m., a quorum was present.

**I. OPENING REMARKS OF CHAIR AND SWEARING IN OF WITNESSES**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ OPEN FORUM**

- A. Paul Hackman – 934 Beach Drive, Historic Roser Neighborhood Association**  
Spoke on Booker Creek where the City of St. Petersburg is replacing the creek channel walls.  
Requested use of a rusticated block finish.
- B. Ronald Motyka – 660 Roser Park Dr. South, Historic Roser Neighborhood Association**

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**C. Andrew Pardum – 5800 Central Ave., Historic Roser Neighborhood Association**

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#### **IV. MINUTES**

The minutes from the January 8, 2019 meeting were approved as amended\* by a consensus vote.

\*Page 2 under Agenda Item No. V – Nomination & Election of Chair and Vice Chair as referred to by Commissioner Michaels in his comments, moved to Amend January 8, 2019, Minutes to include Commissioner Michaels' Motion to nominate Commissioner Carter for Chair. After discussion Commissioner Carter withdrew from his nomination.

#### **V. QUASI-JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**A. City File COA 18-9030008**

**Contact Person: Laura Duvekot, 892-5451**

**Request:** Designation of Kenwood Section - Northwest Kenwood LHD as a local historic district to be listed in the St. Petersburg Register of Historic Places.

##### **Staff Presentation**

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

##### **Applicant Presentation**

Brian Kelly, representing all applicants gave a presentation in support of the request.

##### **Public Hearing**

Dr. James Garnet, 2850 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, spoke in support of the request.  
Brenda Gordon, 2934 Burlington Ave. North, spoke in support of the request.  
Bob Jeffrey, 2302 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. North, spoke in support of the request.  
Nicole Carlisle, 3205 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. North, spoke in support of the request  
Mary Dowd, 205 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. Northeast, spoke in support of the request.  
Peter Belmont, 102 Fareham Place North, spoke in support of the request.

##### **Cross Examination**

By Administration:

Waived.

By Applicant:

Waived.

##### **Rebuttal/Closing Remarks**

By Administration:

Waived.

By Applicant:

Waived.

### Executive Session

Commissioner Michaels commented what a great job, project this has been, personally it is music to my ears. I just love what you folks have done for your community. The facts are before us 65% approval rate, two-thirds of the neighborhood, only 4% dissenting, five (5) of the nine (9) criteria approved, six (6) of the seven (7) integrity factors, you are obviously meeting the statutory requirements, ordinance requirements for being designated as a historic neighborhood. I thought in the Staff Report there were two sections that really jumped out. One was the homes in the district remained in use. Although the neighborhood experienced a period of decline in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, Kenwood is once again a desirable community because of the historic fabric it has retained. The other statement that jumped out at me was that the District is more significant than the sum of its parts and that says a lot. Congratulations on the scholarship that you have done here in the terms of documenting the history and the community the art work you identify as contributing and noncontributing

buildings and probably most of mobilizing the whole community to really overwhelmingly support to designate this area as a historic district in our city. In the beginning of the meeting here we talked about videos and it occurs to me we need to go online and access the video of the meeting and convert that into a promotional video as to why be a Historic District, you answered that ten (10) times over today, thank you.

Commissioner Wannamacher: Congratulations I know that many of you work very hard to put this together and I commend you and I do encourage all of those who were instrumental in the designation of this neighborhood to continue to work with your neighbors. Those neighbors who will be bringing forth future COAs those who want to renovate or make changes or modifications, please continue to work closely with them and don't go away because you have canvassed the neighborhood and got their vote. Please continue to work with those who might need help in addition to staff assistance. Hearing so many of you speak about how much you love your neighborhood and you getting ready to move into your fourth home in the name neighborhood it makes me think about families who might be growing their family, adding children or dogs, or whatever, they too would like to stay in the neighborhood, large homes don't have to be insensitive they can still be compatible and still have 4 bedrooms. It is important to encourage families to stay in the neighborhood because they enjoy living there and to encourage builders to build bigger homes that are compatible because there are ways to do that, congratulations.

Commissioner Winters, I am very impressed with the process. The methodology really is incredible. I think it really takes conversations on front steps to make this happen. Congratulations to the leadership, you have to have strong thoughtful leadership, to pull off something like this. So, folks in the front row, you know who you are thank you for your work. And the block captain approach is really incredible. I see Judy Landon from CONA, I mean I think you need to do workshop for folks in other neighborhood associations that are interested in pursuing this. You got the process right, there are a lot of myths out there about what preservation means. You have to talk through it and address people's concerns one on one so taking the time is really incredible so thank you for your work and carry on.

**MOTION:** *Commissioner Michaels moved on approval of the Staff recommendation*

*Commissioner Wannamacher seconded*

**VOTE:**                    *YES – Bell, Michaels, Rogo, Wannamacher, Winters*  
                                 *NO – None*

*Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.*

**VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**VII. CPPC MEMBER/STAFF COMMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Heritage Tourism Study & Recommendations Update was given by Commissioner W. Michaels**

**The Historic Preservation and Urban Planning Update was given by Derek Kilborn.** Updates included:

- Application status for Innovation District
- Small Matching Grant Status – Central Avenue Heritage Trail
- Affordable housing initiatives
- Coastal High Hazard Area (“CHHA”)
- Potentially Eligible List (“PEL”)
- Vision 2050
- Staffing

**VIII. ADJOURN**

With no further items to come before the Commission, the public hearing was adjourned at 3:25 P.M.