



MINUTES
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
2ND FLOOR, TOWN HALL
360 S. COUNTY RD.
PALM BEACH, FL 33480

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2011, 9:30 a.m.

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I. CALL TO ORDER: (9:31:35 a.m.)

Chairman Cooney called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL: (9:31:41 a.m.)

Edward Austin Cooney, Chairman	PRESENT
William P. Feldkamp, Vice Chairman	PRESENT
William O. Cooley, Member	PRESENT
Dudley L. Moore, Jr., Member	PRESENT
Jacqueline Albarran, Member	PRESENT
William J. Strawbridge Jr., Member	PRESENT
Leslie Diver, Member	PRESENT
D Imogene Willis, Alternate Member	ABSENT (excused)
Wallace Rogers, Alternate Member	PRESENT
Rachel Lorentzen, Alternate Member	PRESENT

Staff members present: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney, John S. Page, Director of Planning, Zoning & Building, John Lindgren, Planning Administrator, Jane S. Day, Ph.D., Staff Historic Preservation Consultant, and Cynthia Delp, Secretary to the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

III. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2011 MEETING, AND MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2011 (CONTINUATION OF SEPT. 21, 2011 MEETING): (9:32:03 a.m.)

MOTION BY MR. MOORE FOR APPROVAL OF BOTH MINUTES.

MOTION SECONDED BY MR. COOLEY.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH TO PERSONS WHO WISH TO TESTIFY: (9:32:15 a.m.)

Mrs. Delp administered the oath at this time to all those who wished to testify.

V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC AND COMMISSION MEMBERS: (Please limit comments to 3 minutes): (9:32:30 a.m.)

Mr. Page read Mr. Moore's Voting Conflict from the September meeting into the record relative to the projects for the Society of the Four Arts.

VI. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION BY MR. FELDKAMP FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA.

MOTION SECONDED BY MS. DIVER.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VII. INFORMAL REVIEW: (9:33:37 a.m.)

- A. Proposed replacement of World War II Honor Roll plaques at Memorial Fountain Park Owner: Town of Palm Beach Applicant: Rotary Club of Palm Beach Foundation Address: 360 South County Road (Memorial Fountain Park) A. Project Description: The Rotary Club of Palm Beach has generously offered to fund the replacement of the existing plaques at Memorial Fountain that honor residents of Palm Beach who served in the US Military during WWII. These plaques are on the western wall at the north end of the reflecting pool. It is the intention of the donor to replicate the plaques exactly and only change the material to bronze.

Paul Brazil, Director of Public Works, read a letter into the record from the Rotary Club and provided a short presentation for the proposed plaques. The proposal includes a separate small plaque which recognizes the Rotary Club donation. Chairman Cooney thanked the Rotary Club for this generous donation.

MOTION BY MR. FELDKAMP TO APPROVE REPLACEMENT OF THE WORLD WAR II HONOR ROLL PLAQUES AT MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN PARK AS PRESENTED.

MOTION SECONDED BY MR. COOLEY AND MS. DIVER SIMULTANEOUSLY.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS: (9:39:56 a.m.)

- A. Application for Certificate of Appropriateness # 010 - 2011
Demolition of existing bridge and construction of new bridge
Owner: Florida Department of Transportation
Applicant: PCL Civil Constructors, Inc. (design-build contractor)
Address: Flagler Memorial Bridge (part of Flagler Memorial Bridge Historic District)
Architect: H2L2, Thomas P. Piotrowski AIA and John Sakoian
Project Description: Request approval for reconstruction which is further described as: The existing Flagler Memorial Bridge will be completely removed and replaced. The new bridge will be positioned within the FDOT SSLE and Right of Way. An updated control house will be constructed west of the bascule spans (moving span) and an access house will be constructed east of the spans. All approach span beams will be arched. The existing pylons will be utilized in the new bridge on the east side abutment. Upgraded roadway lights will also be installed. Two

options have been provided. Accent lighting will be installed along the structure as well. Other associated changes as presented.

Call for disclosure of ex parte communication: Disclosures by Mr. Cooney and Ms. Albarran

ARCHITECTURAL PRESENTATION BY: Ryan Hamrick, PCL Constructors, Inc., John Sakoian and Thomas Piotrowski, H2L2 Architects/Planners LLC, James Hughes, FDOT Project Manager

At the last meeting, it was decided that the design team, along with representatives from the City of West Palm Beach, would meet with three local architects, Eugene Pandula, Jacqueline Albarran, and Jeffery W. Smith, to brainstorm design options to arrive at a bridge design more appropriate for Palm Beach. Architect Eugene Pandula acknowledged all those who attended that meeting and provided a summary of the results of that brainstorming session. Mr. Pandula noted that four major concessions were achieved: 1) Access house (on the east side of the bridge) eliminated in favor of a flat deck viewing area; 2) Roof form and dimensions of overhangs changed; 3) Window glazing and details changed; and 4) Relocation of maintenance walkway, the cantilevered balcony...now dropped about 10 ft., to the walkway level of the bridge. The team also worked to fine tune some of the smaller associated details as well. Mr. Pandula presented his own hand-drawn colored rendering of the revised tender's house and access house, which identify each of the revisions.

Mr. Hamrick and Mr. Sakoian supplemented Mr. Pandula's comments, and outlined some design modifications made beyond the brainstorming session. Mr. Hamrick discussed the landscape plan. It should be noted that the plans presented by Mr. Sakoian and Mr. Hamrick differed slightly from Mr. Pandula's hand-drawn rendering.

Sampling of commission comments: The simpler window, oculus, (as on Mr. Pandula's rendering) is preferable; a preference for Mr. Pandula's detail for the heavier corners of the new lowered railing at the tender's house; stagger the joints of the rustication; use a paneled door rather than a plank door on the north facade of the tender's house; roof brackets still look a bit large; add a wrought aluminum sunburst to the glass transom above the door; preference for lanterns on the bridge, even at the operable parts of the bridge; a 1 ft. overhang would be better; use a standard rod for lightning protection; shrink the surround on the window and front door; simplify the details at the head of the tunnel (under the piers); consider reducing the width of Lake Trail to allow for better design; a differing preference for the H2L2 railing at the tender's house, without the heavier corners; raise the cornice reveal at the tender's house; recessed panels on all sides of pilasters; refine the historic pylon area; prefer railing dying into base of historic pylon; and, maintain consistent height lantern lights all the way across the bridge, including at the span.

It should be noted that during these comments, many persons thanked and complimented the bridge design team and the DOT for being most accommodating.

Mr. Page mentioned the Flagler Statue and its ultimate placement, but the commission elected to postpone that decision until a later time.

**MOTION BY MR. MOORE FOR APPROVAL OF THE BRIDGE PROJECT AS PROPOSED AND AS SUBSEQUENTLY DISCUSSED, NOTING THAT THE APPLICANT IS TO RETURN WITH FINAL DETAILS.
MOTION SECONDED BY MS. DIVER.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Let the record show that the Chairman called for a short recess at 11:00 a.m. The meeting reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Please note that Ms. Diver and Mr. Cooley did not return to the meeting. As such, Mr. Rogers and Mrs. Lorentzen were voting members for the rest of the meeting.

B. [Application for Certificate of Appropriateness #031 - 2011](#)

Owner/Applicant: 11 Vita Serena, LLC

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Perelman

Address: 181 Clarendon Avenue

Architect: The Pandula Architects, Inc. Project Description: Request approval for addition to historic structure which is further described as: Addition of a 358 sq. ft. loggia at the west building elevation, at location where canvas awnings had previously provided covered area. The new addition will match in detailing, material selection, color, texture and scale related features of the existing structure. Other associated changes as presented.

Call for disclosure of ex parte communication: No disclosures

ARCHITECTURAL PRESENTATION BY: Eugene Pandula, The Pandula Architects

Mr. Pandula testified that today's presentation exactly matches last month's informal presentation. He noted that the requested variances had received unanimous approval from the Town Council. The project will actually increase landscaped area at the site by deleting or reducing the size of certain hardscape areas.

**MOTION BY MR. FELDKAMP FOR APPROVAL AS PRESENTED.
MOTION SECONDED BY MRS. LORENTZEN AND MR. ROGERS
SIMULTANEOUSLY.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

IX. [OTHER BUSINESS:\(11:05:22 a.m.\)](#) None

X. [COMMENTS OF THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION AND PLANNING ZONING & BUILDING DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR:\(11:05:45 a.m.\)](#)

Mr. Strawbridge brought up the subject of the Testa's property with regard to possible landmarking. Dr. Day responded that when the Testa family started their project in 2005 and 2006, the Town Council required buildings to be at least 50 years of age in order to be considered for landmarking. (That policy has since been reversed.) Dr. Day had studied the area for a possible historic district, but the LPC, at that time, decided not to move forward with districting. Dr. Day testified that the existing building at the Testa property (built in 1947) had many alterations/renovations, and it was her opinion that it is not a great piece of architecture. She commented that it would be difficult to make legally defensible designation reports for this property. Mr. Cooney stated that it is too late to decide to landmark the Testa property at this juncture when the Testa family has made their plans for the property known for years.

Mr. Cooney offered some remarks relative to the history of Royal Poinciana Way in relation to the Town's beautification project including the median.

Dr. Day announced that the Designation Reports for the November meeting will be e-mailed to the members.

Mr. Strawbridge expressed his concern relative to awnings in the Town, and questioned the approval process for them. Mr. Lindgren explained his rationale in making staff approvals for awnings vs. requiring awnings to go to either ARCOM or the LPC for approval.

Laurie Volk addressed the commission in response to issues discussed at the recent Planning & Zoning Commission meeting relative to parking in the Royal Poinciana Way area. She reminded the LPC that the Flagler Memorial Bridge District exists, and that changes to it are within the purview of the LPC. Mr. Cooney stated that he has made it clear that any permanent change to the median of Royal Poinciana Way would require LPC approval.

Mr. Page announced a conflict with the dates of the Town Council meeting and the LPC meeting in the month of February, 2012. The Town Council will meet on Wednesday, February 15, 2011 which would normally be the LPC meeting date. After consideration, the commission elected to change the LPC meeting date to Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m. without benefit of a motion.

The next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the Town Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Town Hall, 360 South County Road, Palm Beach, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Austin Cooney, Chairman
LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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