

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2023**

ROLL CALL

Ken DeArmas, Chair	P
Brandon Herman	P
Jim Moore, Vice Chair	P
Keith Silverstein	A

STAFF PRESENT

David Abramson, Deputy Planning & Zoning Manager

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Herman, seconded by Vice Chair Moore, to approve the July 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

In a voice vote, motion carried 3-0 (with Mr. Silverstein absent).

3. PRESENTATION

3.1 Joleen Koehly – 90th Anniversary of Wray Home (Flamingo Gardens)

Joleen Koehly, Flamingo Garden’s historian, presented information on Wray Home and its upcoming anniversary. The home was originally built in late 1933 and is the oldest residence in Broward County west of University Drive. It was the weekend residence of Floyd and Jane Wray. The home originally consisted of a kitchen, dining room/office, a bath and two bedrooms. Overtime, the Wrays expanded through 1969 when Jane Wray passed away. Ms. Koehly provided the history of the home including pictures throughout the years. She stated that they have applied for a State historic marker and awaiting its arrival. The home today provides visitors of Flamingo Gardens a glimpse of life in South Florida in the 1930’s.

Mr. Herman asked what the original size was and what it expanded to. Ms. Koehly stated it originally was 766 sf. and today is 1774 sf.

Ms. Jessie Bastos, Agricultural and Environmental Committee member, asked if it was 100% privately owned or if it is a non-profit. Ms. Genevieve Marcello, Flamingo Gardens, responded that the Wray Memorial Foundation is a 501C3 for the past 10 years. Ms. Bastos interest is in preserving this for the future and questioned how this could be protected.

3.2 Kim Weismantle – 50th Anniversary of Flamingo Anniversary

Kim Weismantle, Old Davie School Education Director, presented information about Flamingo Elementary School and its upcoming 50th anniversary celebration. The school was originally built in 1973 and was the second Town of Davie elementary school. At the time it was

build, the school was surrounded by mostly agricultural uses in the area, including acres of orange groves. The school is looking into an event to bring back old faculty and providing students with a timeline of the school. Ms. Weismantle plans on interviewing previous faculty members to record the history of the school and surrounding area.

Mr. DeArmas asked about the history of the zoning of the area and believed Orange Tree Lakes was one of the first planned residential communities. He said that Saint Bonaventure Church used the school prior to the church being built.

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Historic Resources Survey Update

Mr. Abramson updated the Board that a draft of the Town Historic Resource Survey is near completion and anticipates Board review sometime after the next meeting in April. He will be distributing the survey a few weeks before the meeting and stated it was lengthy.

4.2 Pioneer Day Update

Mr. Abramson updated the Board with the Broward County Pioneer Day winners and noted that 2023 nominations would be reviewed at the next meeting. Pioneer Day is an annual honorary event sponsored by the Broward County Historical Preservation Board in recognition of Broward County residents, who, through their professional or business, civic, educational, historic, artistic, or inspirational contributions, have made an impact to the local communities.

Mr. Abramson stated that on October 15, 2022, the County Historic Preservation Board, and the Cultural Division in conjunction with the City of Wilton Manors, held this event which rotates year-to-year among Broward's (31) municipalities. Two of the four nominations for awards from the Town. The County announced their select of Richard and Barbara McCall, as well as the Davie Women's Club as winners of the 46th Annual Pioneer Day Awards. The County had (21) municipalities and groups participate last year. Through this Boards nomination, our Town winners received the Judge Clayton Nance Memorial Award and Historic Preservation Board Special Award.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report

Mr. Abramson presented to the Board a letter from the State recognizing the Town, through the Historic Preservation Board, was in good standing after submitting the 2022 Florida Department of State Certified Local Government (CLG) Annual Report. Pursuant to CLG guidelines, such governments are required to submit an annual report summarizing local activities over the previous reporting year. This provided information is necessary for the State assist to CLG governments and work jointly to improve performance.

The Town of Davie received a letter from the State, dated December 19, 2022, acknowledging that the Town, through the Historic Preservation Board was in good standing after submittal of our CLG Report for 2022.

Mr. Abramson reminded the Board that one of the most important minimum requirements is that the Board needs to meet at least four times a year.

5.2 Heritage Markers

Mr. Abramson presented an overview of this proposal and noted that Town owned resources were ideal for commencement of the program. The Town is initiating a Heritage Marker Program in partnership with the Town Council, Historic Preservation Board, and private landowners. This program will assist with the installation of heritage markers throughout the Town. The purpose of markers is to increase community awareness of the Town's heritage by citizens and visitors alike.

The process for marker placement may be made through either the Town (local) or State program. For standard State markers, interested parties must apply directly to the Florida Division of Historical Resources for consideration.

Similar to the Florida Heritage Site Program, in order to be recognized as part of the Town program, a resource including building, structure or site must be at least 30 years old and have a significance in the areas of architecture, Florida history or traditional culture, or be associated with a significant event that took place at least 30 years ago. Town marker designs may include either a pole or wall metal sign. Mr. Abramson provided conceptual diagrams. Locations should be consistent with those resources identified in the Town Historic Preservation Survey.

Motion by Vice Chair Moore, seconded by Mr. Herman recommending approval.

In a roll call vote, the vote was as follows: Chair DeArmas – yes; Vice Chair Moore – yes; Mr. Herman – yes; Mr. Silverstein – absent.

Motion carried 3-0 (with Mr. Silverstein absent).

Ms. Jessie Bastos, Agricultural and Environmental Committee member, handed out a document and briefed the Board on the AEAC initiatives to preserve agriculture. More specifically, discussing the idea of honoring the Town's agricultural past along Linear Park. The Board acknowledged that the Town master art plan embraced this idea. Chair DeArmas thought this could be combined with the Arts Master Plan.

6. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS – N/A

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Date Approved: 4-27-23



Chair/Board Member