



City of North Port

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NORTH PORT, FL 34286

Meeting Minutes Historic and Cultural Advisory Board

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall Room 244

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Sterner called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present 5 - Chair Klinkhamer, Board Member Stearns, Vice Chair Sterner, Board Member Becket and Board Member Matassa

Also Present

Board Specialist Lane, Staff Liaison Puglise, and Project Manager Abreu.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the board.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Approval of Minutes

- A. [25-2076](#) Approve the March 12, 2025 Historic and Cultural; Advisory Board Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Board Member Stearns, seconded by Board Member Becket, to approve the Minutes as presented. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Klinkhamer, Board Member Stearns, Vice Chair Sterner, Board Member Becket and Board Member Matassa

Absent: 1 - Godin

6. Unfinished Business

- A. [25-2015](#) Discussion and Possible action regarding the Significance and Validation of Suspected Historical Sites with in the City.

Vice Chair Sterner announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding email request to protect the Turpentine Dock, maintenance plan, citizens addressing the board, rebuilding of the Turpentine Dock, historic marker, ceremony, museum, Warm Mineral Springs, Parks and Recreation, and

communication between the departments and the advisory board.

Chair Klinkhamer arrived at 5:50 p.m.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sterner, seconded by Board Member Stearns, to send a recommendation to City Commission on possible historical sites.

Discussion took place regarding writing the memorandum detailed about the historical sites.

Board Member Stearns withdrew his second and Vice Chair Sterner withdrew his motion.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Sterner, seconded by Board Member Stearns to have the Staff Liaison write a memorandum recommending City Commission to make the Turpentine Dock, Biscayne Plaza, and the Charlotte Harbor Railway a historical site, also to designate Vice Chair Sterner to answer questions about the historical sites to the City Commission. The motion carried on the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Klinkhamer, Board Member Stearns, Vice Chair Sterner, Board Member Becket and Board Member Matassa

Absent: 1 - Godin

7. Updates

[25-2137](#)

Update on the ULDC and the historic surveyor

Chair Klinkhamer announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding the Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) clarification, the greenway belonging to the city, historical surveyor, developer, and responding to emails.

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Klinkhamer announced the item.

Discussion took place regarding further research for designating historical sites, historical sites list, historical markers, further steps with possible Commission denial, Advisory Board roles and duties, potential resources, and potential options with Sarasota County.

9. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment

Chair Klinkhamer adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

By: _____
Harry Klinkhamer, Chair