

“Three Graces” Sculpture Update

Sarasota County and City of North Port
Joint Meeting

June 6, 2017

City Commission Chambers
4970 City Hall Boulevard
North Port, Florida

Background:

- Constructed 1958
- Artist Sophia Johnstone
- Within 20' fountain base

Location:

- U.S. 41 @ Ortiz Blvd. within county right-of-way



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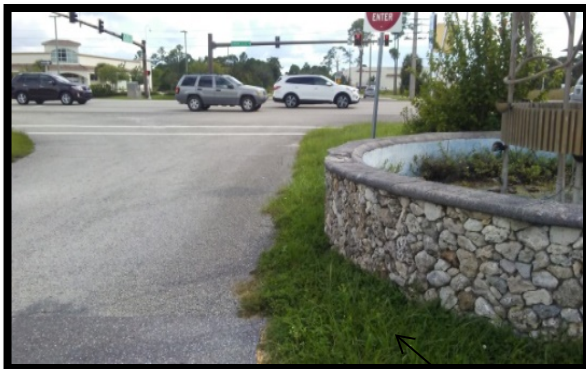


Summary Chronology

- *Dec. 2, 2015* *Request from citizen to fix or remove*
- *Jan. 4, 2016* *FDOT advises that sculpture is in State ROW and prefers that it be removed*
- *Jan. – June, 2016* *County and City staffs work on options*
- *June 3, 2016* *FDOT advises Sculpture is not in State ROW*
- *Sept. 6, 2016* *County BCC discussion*
- *Sept. 12, 2016* *Joint County and City meeting discussion*
- *Nov. – Dec. 2016* *County staffs meet with local archaeological societies to discuss taking over restoration*
- *Jan. – May, 2017* *County staffs define options for restoration*

Site Review:

- **Ownership:**
“...owner of land takes title to the improvements that are put into the ground”
- **Safety:**
Sight distance visibility is adequate.
Signing & marking is adequate.
Clear Zone is correctable:



0.65' to 0.75' clearance

General Cost Estimates:

- Fountain Reconstruction: \$15,000.
- Statue Restoration: \$10,000 - \$40,000.
- Roadside Safety Improvements (PW): \$10,000
- Landscaping (PW): \$10,000
- Total Renovation Cost Estimate: \$45,000 – \$75,000
- County (PW) contribution: - \$20,000
- Net funding estimate needed: \$25,000 – \$55,000

Outreach to Archeological Community

- *Sarasota County Historical Commission*
- *Historical Preservation Coalition*
- *Florida Anthropological Society (FAS)*
- *Warm Mineral Springs / Little Salt Spring
Archaeological Society*

Moving Forward

- Work with neighborhood/community group to pursue county neighborhood grant
- Apply for “Historic Preservation Small Matching Grant” and/or “Certified Local Government Grant” (Early 2018)
- Work with other partners for additional financial support
- With full funding, reconstruct fountain and sculpture
- Public Works upgrade road safety and landscaping
- Implement on-going maintenance agreement

Questions