

1 **MINUTES OF THE CITY OF ORANGE CITY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**
2 **REGULAR MEETING**, held on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, 201
3 N. Holly Avenue, Orange City, Florida.
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5 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Cobb called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.
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8 **2. ROLL CALL**

9 **PRESENT:** Chair - Donna Cobb, Vice Chair - Tom Eidel, Ted Marsolek, Nicki Burke (arrived at 5:08
0 pm); City Staff: Kimberly Reading (Planner), Joseph Ruiz (Senior Planner); **ABSENT:** Anthony Pupello
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2 **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3 Dated October 17, 2019

4 **Member Marsolek made a motion to approve the minutes dated October 17,**
5 **2019, seconded by Member Eidel. The motion passed by unanimous vote.**
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7 **4. NEW BUSINESS**

8 **A. 800 East French Avenue - Application to list on Local Register of Historic Places**

9 Mrs. Reading gave a presentation on the history of the home's original owners and provided an
0 analysis of the architecture of the home. Staff recommended the Board find the structure possesses
1 integrity of location, design, setting, materials workmanship and ambiance; is associated with the
2 lives of person(s) significant to our past; and embodies the distinctive characteristic of a type, period,
3 or method of construction. Staff also recommended the Board forward a recommendation to City
4 Council to approve listing the home on the City of Orange City's Local Register of Historic Places.
5 Chair Cobb suggested the site may also have potential to yield important information about history.
6 Mrs. Stisser spoke about the restoration process and stated it was a great pleasure to restore the home
7 and discover all the history that went with it. Vice Chair Eidel thanked Mrs. Stisser for the work she
8 has done to preserve the home.

9 **Member Eidel made a motion to approve staff's recommendations and to**
0 **forward the application to City Council for listing on the Local Register of**
1 **Historic Places, seconded by Member Burke. The motion passed by unanimous**
2 **vote.**
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4 **5. **OLD BUSINESS**

5 **A. RESB-6-17-17090: Building permit application for residential structure on the property identified as**
6 **parcel number 8011-08-11-0090 on ±.39 acres, located at 128 N. Oak Ave. in the OT, Office**
7 **Transitional zoning classification - Discussion and Action**

8 Mrs. Reading provided a summary of the Board's review of the property in August of 2017 when
9 the Board approved partial demolition with eight conditions. Staff brought this permit before the
0 Historic Preservation Board to request the Board consider revising the conditions of approval to help

1 expedite occupancy of the home, which has been vacant for more than four years. Mrs. Reading
2 outlined the deficient conditions including one window on the east façade missing the required
3 casing. Staff recommended the Board revise the conditions of approval to allow demolition of the
4 historic 9-light front door followed by replacement with a compatible modern front door, allow one
5 window of smaller size on the primary elevation of the southern porch enclosure to differentiate new
6 construction from the original structure, and allow replacement balustrades on the western porch to
7 be 36” in height and of similar design as the original using straight balusters. Chair Cobb called the
8 owner, Shani Lokhnath, to speak. Ms. Lokhnath gave a summary of the history of her ownership of
9 the home as an investor. She asked the Board to consider allowing the existing railing to remain as
0 constructed.

1 **Member Eidel made a motion to approve as staff has put forward, and that**
2 **exterior window casing shall be installed around the window on the east façade,**
3 **for permit RESB-06-17-17090. Member Marsolek moved to amend the motion on**
4 **the floor to allow demolition of the 9-light front door followed by replacement with**
5 **the compatible modern front door that is currently in place. The motion was**
6 **seconded by Member Burke.**

7 Chair Cobb opened the item for discussion. In response to Ms. Lokhnath’s question, Member Eidel
8 acknowledged the circumstances under which the original balustrades were removed occurred before
9 Ms. Lokhnath acquired the property, and that the original condition in 2017 stipulated the design of
0 the original balustrade be restored. The Board finds the current spindled balustrades are not
1 architecturally compatible with the design of the home, but the Board is considering a motion to
2 accept a modified balustrade design that is compatible. Chair Cobb called for the vote.

3 **The motioned passed by unanimous vote.**
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5 **B. Historic Walking Tour - Update**

6 Mrs. Reading thanked Member Marsolek for his efforts the past month to expand entries on the city’s
7 walking tour. She stated there are potentially 16 sites ready to create a tour on the website. With
8 more being added as time permits. She expressed hope that the tour can be ready to launch when
9 City Council reviews 800 E. French Avenue for listing on the Local Register of Historic Places in
0 January.

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2 **6. STAFF/BOARD COMMENTS**

3 Mrs. Reading reviewed the process for the Holiday Lighting contest and the Board’s role in judging
4 the entries. Voting cards will be provided before the December meeting and results are to be returned
5 to City Hall by December 23, 2019. Chair Cobb noted the parade is coming up and offered her pickup
6 truck for the Christmas Parade. Member Eidel asked if the Board’s meeting can be posted on the
7 marquis sign on East Graves at Volusia Avenues. Mrs. Reading read a letter from Florida Victorian
8 Architecture thanking the Board for directing the Reid’s (527 E. Graves Ave) to allow salvage and
9 reuse of their historic windows.
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1 **7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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4 **8. ADJOURNMENT**

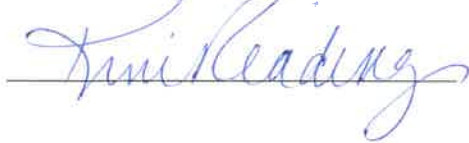
5 With there being no further business, Chair Cobb called for a motion to adjourn.

6 **Member Eidel made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Marsolek. The**
7 **motioned passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.**

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0 **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

APPROVED ON

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2 Kimberly Reading
3 City of Orange City, Planner

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