

MINUTES
HISTORIC RESOURCES BOARD
City of Huntington Beach

Wednesday, January 19, 2022
5:00 PM – Regular Meeting
City Hall, Lower Level B-7
Or via Zoom Webinar

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

1. Zoom Meeting called to order at 5:08 PM by Chair Schey.
2. Roll call was taken: David Wentworth, Sr., Chair Schey, Amory Hanson, Sue Nguyen, Mark Zambrano, and Joe Santiago present. Duane Wentworth absent. Library liaison Michelle Roesner present. John Scandura present. Ashley Wysocki hosted zoom meeting.

II. Welcome

1. Schey noted the HRB's agenda looks a bit different.

III. Pledge of Allegiance

1. Amory Hanson led the pledge via zoom.

IV. Introduction/Presentations

1. Rhonda Bolton and Erik Peterson are City Council Liaisons but are not present.

V. Public Comments

1. Raja Angelina and Trung Tran present as attendees (via zoom).

VI. Consent Calendar

1. Approval of Minutes

- i. October 2021 minutes reviewed and changes made. Hanson motioned to approve October minutes as amended. Santiago seconded. All approved.
- ii. November 2021 minutes reviewed and changes made. Santiago motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Hanson seconded. All approved.

VII. Boards, Commissions, Updates Discussion

1. Wysocki presented a PowerPoint presentation to the HRB regarding the Commission Committee Review Committee and its findings.
2. The goal of the Review Committee is to streamline operations of City boards (consistency in how they function).
3. The committee presented their recommendations on October 19, 2021.
4. The committee determined the HRB should be maintained. However, Wysocki did look into how the review committee's findings and suggestions impact the HRB – including the municipal code which includes things such as Ethics and

Sexual Harassment training, outreach methods, treasury, and the posting of minutes.

5. It is Wysocki's goal to generate conversations on:
 - i. SWOT Analysis
 - ii. Goals & Objectives
 - iii. Demo Permits & Reports
 - iv. Treasury/Budgetary Procedures
 - v. Additional Trainings
 - vi. Community Outreach/Commemorative Events
6. She asked for questions, feedback, and further discussion.
 - i. Santiago wanted to address the separate HRB website and Treasurer's Account. He noted the HRB worked very hard to get both the website and account to help meet our mission statement. He does not want to give those up. Hanson noted the practical position of maintaining a Treasurer, particularly with Surf City Nights.
 - ii. Schey noted that all board members might have different institutional memories and its relationship to the City. Thus, our reactions to these Review Committee suggestions may be different.
 - iii. Wentworth, Sr. indicated he was not comfortable with turning the bank account back over to the City where it might disappear.
 - iv. Hanson noted that hopefully Community Outreach will ramp back up after Covid.
 - v. Schey said that demolition permits and reports come up pretty often. She was invited to a meeting and had a good discussion. She believes it's moving forward in a positive way.
 - vi. Schey also addressed Community Outreach. We know we need to continue to do this moving forward. She appreciated Nguyen's efforts in the classroom, but the HRB also needs to think about how the budget factors into Outreach. Schey would like to see 3 events a year.
 - vii. Scandura noted the in-depth nature of SWOT Analysis and Goals & Objectives and suggested the board might want to schedule a half day workshop to address both. They are very involved topics. Hanson doesn't think a special meeting is necessary. Schey believes it is important to have these discussions in person. It isn't a regular, routine evening type discussion. Schey would support a special meeting. Hanson withdraws his objection.
 - viii. Santiago noted that Covid has put a hinderance on a number of these elements already in the works. He emphasized the importance of demo permits and reports in support of Schey. Schey noted how Outreach via Surf City Nights has been put on hold, but that it is always a staple of the HRB's community involvement.

- ix. Hanson asked how often we would do a SWOT Analysis: once a year, every few years? Schey is not sure it's a question we can answer.
 - x. Nguyen asked if we could have the PowerPoint emailed to us.
 - xi. Santiago asked Wysocki the new status on our budget and funds going to the City. She indicated that she would have to talk to City Manager's Office. The HRB is the only board with its own outside bank account. She created a line item in the budget for the HRB if we move funds back. The City's goal is to move funds back into the City. She notes that history plays a role (including how the HRB has been transitioned to different departments). However, it is unique to have a separate bank account.
 - 1. Wentworth, Sr. asked the hoops the HRB might have to jump through to get those funds once back under the City.
 - 2. Santiago spoke up that he is adamantly against moving the funds back to the City. He doesn't see the benefit of backstepping, putting the HRB back into the hole it fought so hard to get out of.
 - 3. Schey explained the history of the situation – why we are where we are (particularly in regard to the separate bank account). Schey would like us to think about this. If we have questions to ask Wysocki or Schey.
 - 4. Schey explained the line item process prior to our own bank account.
 - 5. Hanson noted we are unique in many ways – not just the Treasury, and he would like to see the maintenance of some uniqueness.
 - 6. Schey said the city is really trying to reach out, get our input, and learn why things are the way they are (the history of the HRB's relationship with the City). The City does not want to deprive us of opportunities but help us do things even better. She looks forward to talking more about this.
 - xii. Hanson asked about receptions for retiring board members. Schey noted these receptions have not been planned because of Covid.
 - xiii. Scandura said that years ago the City used to have a reception. That fell victim to budget cuts, as have many other receptions/events.
 - xiv. Ashley said we might look at dates for a meeting and begin brainstorming SWOT Analysis. The more preparation the better.
7. Hanson said he is not comfortable scheduling a special meeting until we have had a board meeting in person. However, Schey indicated a timeline concern. We cannot wait 3-4 months in the year. Schey suggested Wysocki think about some dates that would work for her and then maybe we could come to a consensus.

VIII. Harbor Commission

1. Wysocki noted the robust webpage being built on the City's website. She will send access to the weblink. They would like to feature the history of the harbor. The Commission is making a formal request to make sure that all of the history is correct. Schey appreciates that we were asked to look over the history and provide input. However, she also noted the Harbor was independently developed and each island has a different story. The history really lies with the Coastal Commission and other places more so than the city. What the HRB can do is help provide aerial photographs and such, but a detailed history would need access to files the HRB does not have with the City. Schey suggested it was a good idea to have the Harbor Commission reach out to the different HOAs. Santiago noted we have a bit of information from the Centennial book, but the photographs are no longer in our possession. Some of that information couldn't fit into the finished publication, but he still has the content.
2. Hanson mentioned that Huntington Harbor needs to be defined. Nguyen asked if the Commission has their own definition. Wysocki said she'd ask the Commission what they would specifically like a history of. Schey provided a geographic description of the Harbor over time.
3. Schey noted that the information/history of the islands will vary. They will not be equal in history/information. Hanson raised the issue of including Sunset Beach or not. In response, Santiago indicated that there are Harbor locations that are often assumed to be part of Sunset. The HR will wait for Wysocki's advice.
4. Schey said the HRB subcommittees can get on it.
5. On a side note, Wentworth, Sr. noted that he asked Sunset Beach if anyone was interested in joining the Board.

IX. Committee Reports

1. **Planning:** Scandura had a meeting last week, at which time a new Chair was elected: Brendan Perkins. Scandura noted this will most likely be his last year on the Planning Commission. In other commission news, Ian Adam began his term on the Commission last week. Jane James is retiring; it will be a big loss for the City. Scandura set up a meeting with Ursula Luna to talk about demo permit reports. Scandura asked if the HRB had gotten any yet. Schey noted we had not. Scandura wants to make sure the HRB gets the demo permit report requests; he would like Schey to keep him apprised.
 - i. Scandura looks forward to learning about the Harbor history.
2. **Plaques:** n/a
3. **Demo:** see above
4. **Research:**
 - i. At the moment, research will focus on the Harbor Commission request.
5. **Information and Outreach:** Wentworth, Sr. noted that because of Omicron, the Surf City Nights is off for a month or two. The Cherry Blossom Festival was also cancelled, which is also an opportunity lost for the HRB.

- i. Hanson noted that if things improve, our original space at Surf City Nights may be an option. Wentworth, Sr. will reach back out to the organizers about our bid.
- ii. Wentworth Sr. noted Facebook has 1,881 Likes and 1,909 Following.

X. Member and Staff Comments:

- 1. Schey shared a few comments:
 - i. Mark Zambrano has written the only history of surfing in HB. He will be the featured speaker on February 10th for the OC Historical Society. He will be focusing on The Duke. The talk will be given at 2400 N Canal Street (Trinity Episcopal Church).
 - ii. She reminded the HR of the Shipley anniversary.
 - iii. The Meadowlark Country Club/Golf Course also turns 100 this year.
 - iv. The DRB met this month. Projects addressed included sign codes for SeaBreeze Church as well as a the Holly Triangle Townhomes project approval.
 - v. Schey reported on attending the Society of American Archivists conference in which she participated in a session on using archival materials to build partnerships. The session resulted in a spread in the Outlook Magazine. The write-up will feature Huntington Beach.
- 2. Hanson noted that he attended the historical society this month.

XI. Future Agenda Items

- 1. Moving forward with standardization content.
- 2. Hanson would like the HRB to elect a Treasurer next month. Hanson noted he will serve if nominated.
- 3. Hanson requested again that the HRB sponsor a non-binding resolution to meet in person. He would like a discussion agendized for the February meeting.

XII. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm. Wentworth, Sr. motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Santiago seconded. All present approved. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16th, 2022.