

**THE CITY OF FORT MYERS  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2022, MEETING**

On July 28, 2022, at 4:00 p.m., the City of Fort Myers Historic Preservation Commission met in the City Council Chambers, Oscar M. Corbin, Jr. City Hall, 2200 Second Street, in the City of Fort Myers, Florida.

**ROLL CALL**

Kevin Williams called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members Present

Kevin Williams  
Michelle Santucci  
Sawyer Smith  
Joe McKenzie  
Lynn Stewart

Members Absent

Lisa Belcher  
Mary Jo Walker  
Gina Sabiston

Planning Staff Present

Nicole DeVaughn, Planning and Zoning Manager  
Monique John, Senior Administrative Assistant  
Anthony Palermo, Assistant Director Community Development  
Taryn Thomas, Senior Planner

Other Staff

Travis Cary, Assistant City Attorney  
Christian Gempesaw, ITS Department

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Travis Cary, Assistant City Attorney, swore in all witness that intended to speak on any of the agenda items.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: PUBLIC HEARING: CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW COR22-0070, 2105 FIRST ST., DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT: INFILL WINDOWS AROUND ATM.**

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:** None

Nicole DeVaughn, Planning Manager Community Development Department, stated that staff findings were as follows:

**BEGIN STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #1  
CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW# COR22-0070  
ADDRESS 2105 First Street**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
Downtown Historic District

**HISTORIC NAME**  
None

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Remove windows adjacent to ATM and fill in openings.

<b>DATES</b>	<b>CASE HISTORY</b>
02/27/98	The City designated the Downtown area as a Historic District.
11/27/00	An application to alterations to the building and new signage was approved.
05/27/21	An application to remove windows and install an ATM on the Monroe Street façade was approved.

**STAFF FINDINGS**

Architectural / Historical Elements

1. The property located at 2105 First Street is a non-contributing structure within the Downtown Historic built in 1996.
2. The application proposes to remove two (2) non-historic aluminum framed storefront windows around the ATM, fill the openings, and cover with a stucco finish.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

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Staff concludes after a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, that Land Development Code, Chapter 114 Historic Preservation, Section 114-72(a)(3). Review criteria for existing buildings is applicable to this application, specifically:

**Sec. 114-72 Review criteria for existing buildings.**

For maintaining, improving, and expanding existing buildings, evaluation of applications for certificates of review will consider the design guidelines described below as applied to the alteration and building in question. These design guidelines are found in the *Design Guidelines for Historic Properties*.

(a) **Criteria for maintenance and improvements.**

- (3) **Replacement windows and doors.** Replacement windows and doors should respect the original character of historic buildings by retaining the original configuration and details of windows and doors.

**DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES, CHAPTER II. DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**P. REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOORS**

The placement and relationship of windows and doors are often critical parts of the style of a building. The demands of modern energy efficiency and security standards often lead owners of older building to consider replacement windows. These guidelines are designed to accommodate replacement windows in a manner that respects the original character of historic properties.

1. Replacement windows and doors should retain the same configuration and details as the originals.
2. Replacing panes with stained, leaded, or beveled glass is acceptable as long as the configuration remains the same.
3. Metal replacement doors may be acceptable as long as they are of the same configuration as the original door. These metal doors should be painted or clad to match the trim of the house.
4. All replacement windows should have either true divided lights, or molded exterior muntins, if appropriate. Flat or interior false muntins are not in keeping with the character of older structures. Muntin design should reflect the original window configuration. False muntin bars, if used, should be applied to the exterior of the new windows.
5. Ideally, window and door openings should not be reduced or enlarged in size. Alterations to window and door openings should remain in proper proportion to the overall design of the building.
6. Sensitively designed exceptions to these guidelines will be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission when such proposals are conceived to accommodate the adaptive reuse of older buildings or to conform to the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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7. Glass block replacement windows should be installed only on side or rear elevations not readily visible from the street.

**SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION**

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

**STAFF REVIEW**

After a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, staff concludes the following:

1. The structure is considered a non-contributing within the Downtown Historic District.
2. The proposed removal of two (2) non-historic aluminum framed storefront windows around the ATM on the Monroe Street façade, fill the openings, and covering with a stucco finish will not have a negative impact on the historic character of the district.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Staff makes a finding that the removal of the windows adjacent to the ATM complies with the City of Fort Myers Land Development Code, Chapter 114, Section 114-72 (a)(3), as well as standard 9 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
2. Staff recommends to the Historic Preservation Commission the approval of the Certificate of Review, Application COR22-0070.
3. The improvements shall be installed as indicated in this application.
4. All required permits shall be obtained prior to construction.
5. This Certificate of Review will become effective immediately.

**END STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Santucci asked the applicant how his exterior hurricane shutters closed.

Stephen Bowen, representing Edison National Bank stated that the shutters were installed in 2001 by the City of Fort Myers because all the storefront windows within the parking garage structure were non-impact so the shutters were used as protection. Mr. Bowen stated that it was not the applicant's intent to remove the shutters.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Smith to approve COR22-0070, 2105 First Street, downtown historic district, infill windows around ATM, seconded by Ms. Santucci, and unanimously approved 5-0.

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**AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: PUBLIC HEARING: CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW COR22-0071,  
2747 MICHIGAN AVE., DEAN PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT: REPLACE WINDOWS.**

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:** None

Nicole DeVaughn, Planning Manager Community Development Department, stated that staff findings were as follows:

**BEGIN STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM # 2**

**CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW#** COR22-0071

**ADDRESS** 2747 Michigan Avenue

**HISTORIC DISTRICT**

Dean Park Historic District

**HISTORIC NAME**

N/A

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Replace six (6) windows and one (1) door on the side and rear of the house.

**DATES**

**CASE HISTORY**

04/27/97	Dean Park was designated a Historic District within the City of Fort Myers; and 2747 Michigan Avenue was listed as a contributing structure within the District.
08/17/00	An application to construct a handicapped ramp, deck, and wood fencing was approved.
09/28/00	An application to restore the front porch with picket railing and add three (3) columns was approved.
04/27/04	An application for an addition was approved.
05/28/13	The Dean Park Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

**STAFF FINDINGS**

Architectural / Historical Elements

1. The property located at 2747 Michigan Avenue is a contributing structure within the Dean Park Historic District, originally the Sears Roebuck Kit Home was constructed in 1925.
2. The applicant is requesting to replace six (6) windows and one (1) door on the side and rear of the house.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

Staff concludes after a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, that Land Development Code, Chapter 114 Historic Preservation, Section 114-72 Review criteria for existing buildings is applicable to this application, specifically:

**Sec. 114-72 Review criteria for existing buildings.**

For maintaining, improving, and expanding existing buildings, evaluation of applications for certificates of review will consider the design guidelines described below as applied to the alteration and building in question.

(a) **Criteria for maintenance and improvements.**

- (3) *Replacement windows and doors.* Replacement windows and doors should respect the original character of historic buildings by retaining the original configuration and details of windows and doors.

**DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES, CHAPTER II. DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**P. REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOORS**

The placement and relationship of windows and doors are often critical parts of the style of a building. The demands of modern energy efficiency and security standards often lead owners of older building to consider replacement windows. These guidelines are designed to accommodate replacement windows in a manner that respects the original character of historic properties.

1. Replacement windows and doors should retain the same configuration and details as the originals.
2. Replacing panes with stained, leaded, or beveled glass is acceptable as long as the configuration remains the same.
3. Metal replacement doors may be acceptable as long as they are of the same configuration as the original door. These metal doors should be painted or clad to match the trim of the house.
4. All replacement windows should have either true divided lights, or molded exterior muntins, if appropriate. Flat or interior false muntins are not in keeping with the character of most older structures. Muntin design should reflect the original window configuration. False muntin bars, if used, should be applied to the exterior of the new windows.
5. Ideally, window and door openings should not be reduced or enlarged in size. Alterations to window and door openings should remain in proper proportion to the overall design of the building.
6. Sensitively designed exceptions to these guidelines will be considered by the Historic Preservation Commission when such proposals are conceived to accommodate the adaptive reuse of older buildings or to conform to the provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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7. Glass block replacement windows should be installed only on side or rear elevations not readily visible from the street.

**SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION**

9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

**STAFF REVIEW**

After a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, staff concludes the following:

1. The 2747 Michigan Avenue is considered a contributing structure within the Dean Park Historic District.
2. The applicant is proposing to replace six (6) windows and one (1) door on the sides and rear of the house. All mullions shall be affixed to the exterior of the windows and door and will have a three-dimensional profile.
3. The Andersen replacement windows, and door will not be visible from the street and will not have a negative impact on the historic character of the house or to the historic character of the Dean Park Historic District.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Staff makes a finding that the proposed window replacement complies with the City of Fort Myers Land Development Code, Chapter 114, Section 114-72 (a)(3), as well as standard 9 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.
2. Staff recommends to the Historic Preservation Commission the approval of the Certificate of Review, Application COR22-0071.
3. The proposed improvements shall be constructed as indicated in this Certificate of Review application. All mullions shall be affixed to the exterior of the window and have a three-dimensional profile.
4. Applicant shall obtain a permit prior to commencement of construction.
5. This Certificate of Review will become effective immediately.

**END STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Santucci asked if the grouping of three windows to the left of the front door was under the doors in the agenda item request.

Ms. DeVaughn advised they were not.

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Ms. Stewart asked if all the windows were the same size.

Ms. DeVaughn stated that the sizes varies on the windows but the proposed would be like for like replacements and that no windows or openings would be enlarged or reduced.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Mr. Smith to approve Certificate of Review COR22-0071, 2747 Michigan Ave., Dean Park Historic District: replace windows, seconded by Ms. Stewart, and unanimously approved 5-0.

**AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: PUBLIC HEARING: CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW COR22-0072, 3737 MCKINLEY AVE., SEMINOLE PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT: VINYL COATED CHAIN LINK FENCE IN REAR YARD.**

**EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:** None

Nicole DeVaughn, Planning Manager Community Development Department, stated that staff findings were as follows:

**BEGIN STAFF REPORT**

**AGENDA ITEM #3  
CERTIFICATE OF REVIEW# COR22-0072  
ADDRESS 3737 McKinley Avenue**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT**  
Seminole Park Historic District

**HISTORIC NAME**  
None

**PROPOSED PROJECT**

Install a green vinyl coated chain link fence in the rear yard

**DATES**

**CASE HISTORY**

07/20/98                      The City designated the Seminole Park area as a Historic District.

05/27/03                      An application to replace the wood railing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor porch with aluminum railings and to construct an aluminum screen enclosure on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor deck.

**STAFF FINDINGS**

Architectural / Historical Elements

1. The property located at 3737 McKinley Avenue is a two-story non-contributing structure in the Seminole Park Historic District constructed in 1992.

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2. The application proposes to install a five-foot tall vinyl coated chain (green) link fence in the rear yard.

**LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE AND DESIGN GUIDELINES:**

Staff concludes after a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, that Land Development Code, Chapter 114 Historic Preservation, Table 1. Approval Matrix and Section 114-72(a)(7). Review criteria for existing buildings is applicable to this application, specifically:

<b>Table 1. Approval Matrix</b>				
<b>Action</b>	<b>Contributing</b>		<b>Non-Contributing</b>	
	<b>Admin.</b>	<b>COR</b>	<b>Admin.</b>	<b>COR</b>
<b>Site Elements</b>				
1. Fencing/Pergolas/Arbors				
a. Wood and metal fences, excluding chainlink	X		X	
b. All other fence types (including vinyl and chainlink)		X		X

**Sec. 114-72 Review criteria for existing buildings.**

For maintaining, improving, and expanding existing buildings, evaluation of applications for certificates of review will consider the design guidelines described below as applied to the alteration and building in question.

- (a) **Criteria for maintenance and improvements.**
  - (7) *Fences.* Fences in front yards make a strong visual contribution to the historic streetscape and should not be removed or made incompatible with historic styles.

**DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES, CHAPTER II. DESIGN GUIDELINES**

**D. FENCES**

The Historic Preservation Commission considers fencing to be a major element in the character of the Historic Districts because of its strong visual contribution to the historic streetscape. Consequently, all front and street side yard fencing (interior side and rear yard fencing less than six feet in height is exempt) within a Historic District requires design review approval. Fence projects that meet the following guidelines may be approved by the staff, except

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that fence projects that involve Conditional Use Permit or Zoning Variance procedures should be reviewed by the Commission.

1. Fencing in the front and street side yard setback (generally, the area that is 15 feet behind the sidewalk) cannot exceed three feet in height. Additional height may be approved by Conditional Use Permit or Zoning Variance.
2. Fencing materials and design should be compatible with the architectural style of the primary structure on the lot. Vinyl fencing is discouraged.
3. For picket fences, the height of the support posts cannot exceed 36 inches above grade, and the recommended height of the pickets is 30 inches.
4. Wooden fences should be painted or stained to match or to be compatible with the house and the neighborhood.
5. Fencing should not obscure the front elevation of the primary structure on the property. Therefore, front yard privacy fences should not be allowed.
6. Structural members of a fence should be turned in to face the property. The finished side of the fence should be presented to the street.
7. On corner lots, the guidelines apply to the front yard and street side yard of the property.

**SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S STANDARDS FOR REHABILITATION**

9. *New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.*

**STAFF REVIEW**

After a site visit and a review of the documents in this application, staff concludes the following:

1. The structure is considered a non-contributing within the Seminole Park Historic District.
2. The proposed green vinyl coated chain link fence will be located at the rear of the house. The green vinyl coating will minimize the impact of the fence on the historic character of the district.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Staff makes a finding that the proposed vinyl coated (green) chain link fence and gates complies with the City of Fort Myers Land Development Code, Chapter 114, Table 1 Approval Matrix and Section 114-72 (a)(7), and standard 9 of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.

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2. Staff recommends to the Historic Preservation Commission the approval of the Certificate of Review, Application COR22-0072.
3. The proposed improvements shall be installed as indicated in this Certificate of Review application.
4. All required permits shall be obtained prior to construction.
5. This Certificate of Review will become effective immediately.

**END STAFF REPORT**

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

**DISCUSSION:** Ms. Santucci asked for clarification if the driveway would be a total of 10 feet wide.

Ms. DeVaughn advised that was correct and that staff did not have any guidelines when it came to chain link fencing. Ms. DeVaughn explained that the City of Fort Myers itself had codes that did not allow chain link in the front yard any longer therefore the fence would have to be at least as far back as 20 feet from where the front setback was. Ms. DeVaughn advised that in the current situation as on a case-by-case basis, staff felt that the green vinyl chain link would be the least obtrusive to be able to secure the back half of the property.

Ms. Stewart asked if the applicant had considered black vinyl coating.

Ms. DeVaughn stated they had.

Ms. Stewart and Mr. McKenzie stated they felt the black vinyl coating would fade.

Mr. Williams asked if the applicant was present.

Ms. DeVaughn advised they were not.

Ms. Santucci asked if the Historic Preservation Commission regulated color.

Mr. Williams advised that the board normally did not regulate color.

Ms. DeVaughn advised that she could pass the recommendation of a different color on to the applicant.

Mr. Smith stated that he was not in favor of a chain link gate that would be clearly visible from the main road in a historic district.

Ms. Santucci agreed with Mr. Smith.

Ms. Santucci suggested aluminum fencing.

Mr. McKenzie stated he would rather see chain link fencing than the current white fencing.

Mr. McKenzie asked what the neighbor's fence was made of.

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Ms. DeVaughn stated that she believed it was chain link fencing.

Mr. Williams stated that as the applicant was not present the board could not table the item and needed to vote on the request.

Mr. Smith stated that procedurally, the board could move the motion, second it, and then deny it.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Ms. Stewart to deny the Certificate of Review COR22-0072, 3737 McKinley Ave., Seminole Park Historic District: vinyl coated chain link fence in rear yard.

Mr. McKenzie asked if the board could table the item.

Mr. Williams advised the applicant was not present and tabling the item would need consent from the applicant.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Santucci and unanimously passed with the request denied 5-0.

**ITEM NO. 4 DISCUSSION ITEM/PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Tom Hall, City of Fort Myers public art consultant, stated that he had prepared a list of potential points of interest to include on the OttoCast phone application which included all the points of interest sent to him by staff. Mr. Hall asked for the board, at their leisure, to look over the list and if there were any that the board felt were inappropriate to cross them off and for any that had been omitted to include should the board feel, to add them to the list. Mr. Hall advised that he may have solved the funding issue for the Ottocast application in terms of how to cover the subscription fees. Mr. Hall advised that the civil war soldier in Centennial Park was oriented so that soldier faced the river and there were many members of the Dunbar Community who felt that the position denigrated the importance of the civil war soldier and the contribution made by the black soldiers to defending Fort Myers, so the piece of art was going to be lifted and turned around tomorrow so that it faced the entrance and Edwards Drive. Mr. Hall advised that after it was put back in the ground, a slurry would be used underneath to cement and secure it into the ground. Mr. Hall stated regarding Uncommon Friends, that at the May 17<sup>th</sup> meeting the committee voted to de-assession the water elements of the fountain in Centennial Park. Mr. Hall advised that the reason for that was that the public continued to go into the pool and Hopscotch over the items the pool to reach the island and take selfies and other photo with the inventors. Mr. Hall stated that he had received a quote from the miami-based conservation team for \$11,000 to fix all the breakage. Mr. Hall stated that the sculptor was was Don DJ Wilkins, who had passed last year, but his widow and a group of his friends were trying to find a sponsor that would underwrite the costs to keep the fountain as is. Mr. Hall stated that if the family was not successful in finding a sponsor, then his staff would submit a Certificate of Review.

Mr. Smith asked what happened to the busts that used to be at the building formerly know as Harborside now known as Caloosa Sound.

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Mr. Hall advised that he had located five of the busts and they were in the foyer of the Langford Kingston home and that two busts had not been accounted for and was unsure who moved them.

**ITEM NO. 5: MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:** Ms. DeVaughn stated that there had been an idea pitched to take 1408 First Street, which was now a vacant lot, and turn it into a pocket park. Ms. DeVaughn advised that she believed it would be a 15-year lease and that the subject would come before the board at a later time.

Liston Bochette, Councilman Ward 4, stated that the owner of the proposed property for the pocket park lived in New York and there had been an on-site discussion about making the property a pocket park. Mr. Bochette stated that the agreement would be that the city would pay for the drainage improvements, but at a five-year and up lease. Mr. Bochette advised the subject would come before the board to determine the details of the pocket park.

Mr. Smith asked why the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) was involved in the pocket park project.

Mr. Bochette advised that the CRA was providing funds towards the project.

Ms. Santucci asked who was leasing the property.

Mr. Bochette advised that it was a New York resident that was going to lease the property back to the City of Fort Myers.

Ms. Santucci asked for clarification if the City of Fort Myers would be responsible for paying for the drainage system of the park and leasing it back from the owner.

Mr. Smith stated that the drainage would be paid for by the CRA.

Ms. Santucci asked if the CRA was under city hospice.

Mr. Smith stated that by statute the city was allowed to create an agency that diverts or takes portion of ad valorem taxes that don't go to the city but goes to the agency designated and it's to be used to clean up light poverty in areas that have high rates of disease and homelessness.

Ms. Santucci asked who would be accountable.

Mr. Smith stated City Council since they were a self-appointed commission of the CRA.

Mr. Bochette advised that City Council was very interested on expanding greenspace around the McGregor Boulevard corridor.

**ITEM NO. 5: PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Ms. Santucci stated regarding the proposed pocket park that she did not understand why the City of Fort Myers would put money into his investment and then lease back what the City of Fort

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Myers had paid to have done to it and then have to redo it and put more money into it until when the owner decided to capitalize on his investment.

**ITEM NO. 6: COUNCILPERSON UPDATE:** Mr. Bochette stated regarding the cemetery issue on First Street, that the developers had sent in a partial clearance on the property which showed they had done radar ground surveys therefore the issue was now removed out of the city's hands and put back to the state if the state wanted to still contest the property. Mr. Bochette stated the missing plaque which stated the property was a cemetery was still being investigated at the time.

The Historic Preservation Commission advised that the plaque had been found and was still on the property and had not been moved.

Mr. Bochette stated there had been a request on luminary to consider fencing the amphitheater in because of the crowd control and that they expected ticket sales but that the request would be coming before the board. Mr. Bochette stated that the details entailed the statue that Tom Hall had given a report on, and that Ward 4 would be contributing to the preservation of the water feature on the statue to stop pedestrians from hanging on Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford's neck taking selfies. Mr. Bochette stated regarding Rachel at the Well and the upkeep and maintenance of it that there were pledges from the Edison Park neighborhood association, Edison of Florida States, the Southwest Florida garden Council, and The Uncommon friends Foundation. Mr. Bochette stated McGregor Boulevard was getting a resurfacing to replace the storm sewerage systems under the road and that he was asking as Council for final drawings.

Ms. Stewart asked what cross streets would be involved.

Mr. Bochette stated it would stretch from Manuel's Branch to 5 Points. Mr. Bochette stated the Edison extension was discussed to expediate traffic from McGregor through Edison Park at Altamonte Park to 41 and then out to the east side of town. Mr. Bochette stated the new owners of the historical building on the other side that was at the entrance from 41 to Cortez and Edison weren't able to move forward with their reconstruction because they did have enough parking and that he had suggested to engineering to come up with some ideas of how to use part of the 3.9 parking spaces on the Cortez side between Lions Park to harmonize and make it historically contributing to the building, traffic controlling, aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Bochette advised that the new owners intended to do a restaurant Brewery with a popular visitation site.

Mr. Smith asked if the subject was relevant to the Historic Preservation Commission at the time.

Mr. Bochette stated that it was since the money for the project was within budget.

Mr. Smith stated that the Historic Preservation Commission could not initiate a construction project.

Mr. Bochette stated that the three advocate areas Ward 4 had asked to be included in the budget were the pedestrian mall downtown, the intersection at Cortez and 41, and

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the third item was south on the 41 medians. Mr. Bochette stated that the decision had been made to have the Chairman or Chairwoman or the appointed person of the city committees, i.e., the Art Committee, Bike Committee, Beautification Committee, Historic Preservation Commission, Economic Development, and Planning Board with staff and invited guests to get together and have a what's going on in your committee talk where everyone was able to make a position.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:01 o'clock p.m.