

**Historic Preservation Board
Pinellas County
June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

The Historic Preservation Board (HPB) met in regular session, pursuant to Section 146, Pinellas County Code, at 1:11 PM on this date in the First Floor Conference Room, 310 Court Street, Clearwater, Florida.

Present

Allison Dolan, Vice-Chair, Clearwater Historical Society
Joe Klinger, Brandon Construction Company
Joseph Oliveri, Architect
Hillary Van Dyke, Educator
Joey Vars, Town of Belleair Historian

Not Present

Brian Scott, Chair, Board of County Commissioners (BCC)
Gregory Cahanin, Building and Fire Code
Vincent Luisi, Dunedin History Museum
Ramona Pletcher, Real Estate Appraiser
Brian Smith, Planning

Others Present

Tom Scofield, Housing and Community Development Principal Planner/Staff Liaison to the Board
Yardley Collett, Assistant County Attorney
Jessica Oakes, Board Reporter, Deputy Clerk
Other interested individuals

All documents provided to the Clerk's Office have been filed and made a part of the record.

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Acting Chair Dolan called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM; whereupon, at her request, the members and staff in attendance introduced themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

PCHPB meeting held March 18, 2026

Mr. Vars made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Oliveri and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Downtown Palm Harbor Wayfinding Signs (proposed grant project) Request for endorsement and letter of support from Palm Harbor Main Street

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Scofield discussed Palm Harbor Main Street's proposed application to the Florida Division of Historical Resources for grant funding to support the installation of additional wayfinding signs, which will enhance awareness of the Downtown Palm Harbor Historic District. He also reviewed the locations of previously funded signs, proposed locations for the additional signage, and conceptual sign designs; whereupon, Mr. Scofield noted that Palm Harbor Main Street is requesting the HPB's endorsement of the project; and that, with the Board's endorsement, Chair Scott can draft a letter of support which will be submitted as part of the grant application.

Responding to a query by acting Chair Dolan, Mr. Scofield indicated that the grant would fund six to eight additional wayfinding signs beyond the three signs previously financed with Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) funding; whereupon, Mr. Oliveri made a motion to endorse the funding request for the proposed grant project. The motion was seconded by acting Chair Dolan and carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION AND PRESENTATIONS

Pinellas Historic Resources Dashboard (demonstration)

Referring to a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Scofield introduced the Pinellas Historic Resources Dashboard, which is scheduled for public release in June. He discussed development of the web-based mapping tool and the accompanying Architectural Survey App and explained that the Dashboard is intended to provide a centralized, publicly accessible resource containing historic preservation information. He also described the Survey App's capabilities to support field data collection and integration of historic resource information into the Dashboard. Mr. Scofield then demonstrated the Dashboard's functionality, including its search, mapping, and historic resource information features, and explained that it will support historic preservation planning, disaster recovery efforts, and public access to historic resource data.

Responding to a query by acting Chair Dolan, Mr. Scofield indicated that, in the future, a capability will be added to enable the updating of existing Florida Master Site File records through the Dashboard; whereupon, in response to additional comments and queries by the members, he also discussed integration of Florida Master Site File data into the Dashboard, availability of local designation information, municipal access to the Dashboard, and opportunities to further enhance the Dashboard through continued data verification and incorporation of additional historic resource information.

2026 Historic Preservation Work Plan

Mr. Scofield referred to a document titled *Historic Preservation Work Plan 2026-27* and explained that it has been updated to reflect completed projects and current project status. He also noted that staff is coordinating a presentation for a future HPB meeting regarding the proposed disposition of the County's downtown Clearwater campus properties, including the Old Pinellas County Courthouse.

Responding to queries by Mr. Vars and acting Chair Dolan, Mr. Scofield provided updates regarding several Florida Historical Marker applications. In response to a query by Mr. Scofield, Ms. Van Dyke provided an update regarding potential interest in a historical marker for Lincoln Cemetery; whereupon, Mr. Scofield noted that funding for the project remains allocated in the budget at this stage of the budget process.

Mr. Scofield discussed potential future local landmark designation applications for the McMullen Cemetery and Whispering Souls African American Cemetery; whereupon, he also indicated that staff is planning for next year's Historic Preservation Summit and requested that the members consider potential host communities.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Upon acting Chair Dolan's call for public comment, Scott Fisher appeared, distributed documents to the members, and provided lengthy comments regarding Code Enforcement actions affecting his historically designated property in Palm Harbor. Attorney Collett recommended that the members refrain from commenting since this appears to be an open Code Enforcement matter; whereupon, brief discussion ensued.

CHAIR/BOARD/STAFF COMMENTS

Acting Chair Dolan indicated that the *Women of the U.S. Revolution* exhibit is open to visitors at the Clearwater Historical Society Museum; and that the Plumb House will have an open house on Saturday, June 20.

Mr. Scofield noted that the Ozona Village Hall, for which the Board previously approved a Certificate of Appropriateness, will soon be appearing before the Board of Adjustment and Appeals in connection with the proposed elevation of the building; whereupon, responding to comments by Mr. Oliveri, he confirmed that State grant funding has been secured for the project; and that work is expected to begin upon receipt of the necessary approvals.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Vars made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Oliveri and carried unanimously; whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 2:23 PM.