

The Wauchula Historic Preservation Board met Monday, December 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Board members present:

Linda Burnett

Tanya Royal

Dr. Sylvia Collins

William Boynton

Board member(s) absent:

Cynthia Paxton

Staff members present:

Kyle Long

Stephanie Camacho

Royal called the meeting to order.

Certificate of Appropriateness – 208 W Orange Street

Collins motioned to open discussion, seconded by Boynton.

Nicole Drake with Hardee County Friends of the Library explained the organization had a pending real estate contract on the property, pending this Board's approval of demolition. She explained this building was currently under a code enforcement violation and the cost to bring it into compliance would be significantly more than to demo. She explained the vision the organization had for turning the space into a commercial building that would have a bookstore and coffee shop, giving young people a safe place to hang out while also providing space for community to hold a variety of group events. All were in favor to approve the certificate as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from the November 25, 2024 Meeting

Boynton motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Burnett. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Public Comments

None

With no further business to discuss, Royal adjourned the meeting at 5:56 p.m.

Stephanie Camacho, City Clerk



**CITY OF WAUCHULA
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD MEETING**

TO: City of Wauchula Historic Preservation Board

PREPARED BY: Central Florida Regional Planning Council

AGENDA DATE: January 27, 2025

DISCUSSION ITEM: **CITY OF WAUCHULA AWARD OF 2024-2025 DEO COMMUNITY
PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT – HC-1 ZONING
DISTRICT**

BACKGROUND:

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) has awarded the City of Wauchula a grant to evaluate the HC-1 zoning district and historic preservation in the City.

This effort will provide for the following:

- Create a Historic District Existing Conditions and Economic Analysis Report
- Create a Downtown Issues and Recommendation Report
- Seek input from the Wauchula Historic Preservation Board
- Seek input from the public
- Prepare draft amendments to update the City's Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan related to requirements for the HC-1 Zoning District and historic preservation.

Central Florida Regional Planning Council staff will present information and lead a discussion on the HC-1 zoning district, the Downtown area, and the regulations for the Historic Preservation Board.