



Ocala

Historic Preservation Advisory Board

Minutes

Thursday, November 6, 2025

4:00 PM

1. Call To Order and Roll Call

Present Jane Cosand
Holland Drake
Noelle Smith
Rick Hugli
Chairperson Tom McCullough

Absent Joshua DeMonte

Excused Vice Chair Melissa Townsend
Carol Barber

2. Public Meeting Notice Acknowledgement

The public notice for the Ocala Historic Preservation Board was posted on October 28, 2025.

3. Review of September 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

a. September 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [September 4, 2025 Final Meeting Minutes](#)

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Rick Hugli

SECONDER: Jane Cosand

4. Certificates of Appropriateness

a.

Attachments: [COA25-00033 Staff Report](#)
[COA25-0033 Application](#)
[COA25-0033 Site Plan](#)
[COA25-0033 Supporting Document](#)
[COA25-0033 Examples of Downtown Ocala Historic Markers](#)

Economic Development Coordinator, Charlita Whitehead, provided a brief overview of COA25-0033 a request to install a new historic marker titled "Elvis in Ocala, Tom Petty Inspired" on the northeast corner of East Silver Springs Boulevard on NE Osceola Avenue, commemorating the 1961 visit of Elvis Presley to film Follow that Dream and it influence on a 10-year-old Tom Petty.

Paul Stentiford, General Contractor, 1501 SE 14th Avenue, Ocala, Florida, stated that in 1993 he built a community center and a fire station in the City of Inglis. He noted that the Mayor at the time was very proud of a road leading to the Gulf of Mexico named "Follow That Dream Highway," after Elvis Presley filmed a scene for a movie there. In

the late 1990s, Mr. Stentiford completed a renovation project at a SunTrust Bank, where he learned that the interior wall finishes being removed were the same ones present when Elvis was at the bank filming the same movie. After conducting some research, he found out Elvis's visit had inspired 10-year old Tom Petty, a Gainesville native who later became an influential figure in music history. He emphasized that the effort is a nonprofit initiative intended solely to honor Elvis Presley's influence.

Motion to approve COA25-0033

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Rick Hugli

SECONDER: Noelle Smith

b.

Attachments: [COA25-0037 Staff Report](#)
[COA25-0037 Site Plan](#)
[COA25-0037 Application](#)
[COA25-0037 Master Site File](#)

Economic Development Coordinator, Charlita Whitehead, provided a brief overview of COA25-0037 a request to install a 10-foot by 20-foot in-ground plunge pool in the rear of the property.

Lana L. Flodman 1107 SE 24th Terrace, Ocala, FL, stated the request is as presented and that the structure is not attached to the house.

Rick Hugli asked if any safety parameters were required. Charlita responded that the area is fenced in. Planning Director, Aubrey Hale added that all safety requirements would be handled through the Florida Building Code.

Motion to approve COA25-0037.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Holland Drake

SECONDER: Rick Hugli

5. Affirmative Maintenance

None.

6. Public Comments

None.

7. Staff Comments

None.

8. Board Comments

Mr. McCullough welcomed Charlita and commended her for doing an excellent job, stating that the Board appreciates her efforts.

9. Next Meeting: December 4, 2025

10. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:27PM.