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**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES
CITY OF PALATKA
November 6, 2025**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Vice Chair Brianna Pierce.

a. **Invocation**

Invocation was led by Ms. Pierce.

b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Pierce.

c. **Roll Call**

Present:

Brianna Pierce, Megan Beville, Patty Vogt,
Chris Hollister

Absent:

Elizabeth Van Rensburg, Tim Jefferson, Mary Jane
Rosa

Also present Lorenzo Aghemo, Planning Director; Jane West, City Attorney; Alex Romero, Planning Clerk; Renee' Brown, Planner I; Ryan Mickles, Planner I; Allegra Kitchens, Former Commissioner. Diane Taylor, Bob Taylor, Carol Milton.

d.

Meeting Purpose Disclosure

Disclosures were read by Vice Chair Pierce.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **October 2, 2025**

Motion to approve the minutes by Ms. Vogt. Seconded by Mr. Hollister. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The floor was opened for public comment. Hearing none, the floor was closed.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **HPB 25-29 - Request for Historic Designation – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church (Local Historic Structure)**

HPB 25-29 – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 809 St. John’s Avenue

Request for historic designation as a local historic structure and recommendation for the National Register of Historic Places.

The Board considered HPB 25-29, a request for historic designation of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, located at 809 St. John’s Avenue, as a local historic structure, and for recommendation to the National Register of Historic Places. Renee Brown Planner I presented the staff report, summarizing the criteria for historic designation and explaining the National Register process.

Diane Taylor, representing the church, provided detailed historical context regarding St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, including its architectural significance and notable figures associated with its construction and history. Ms. Taylor highlighted contributions from the Purcell family, including Mr. Purcell, and the church’s role in the Palatka community.

Carol Milton, a descendant of Mr. Purcell, spoke about her genealogical research and personal connection to the church and its history. She described her findings regarding her ancestors’ contributions to the community and emphasized the importance of preserving the church for its historical and cultural significance.

Allegra Kitchens, a member of the Historical Society, also spoke in support of the nomination, highlighting the church’s significance to the city’s history and the importance of its preservation.

Board discussion acknowledged the church’s historical and architectural significance. The Board confirmed that its recommendation would be forwarded to the City Commission for formal approval.

Motion to recommend approval of St. Mary’s Episcopal Church for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places by Ms. Vogt. Seconded by Mr. Hollister. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Discuss Historic Preservation Color Palette's for the City of Palatka – Based on Comparable Municipal Palettes**

Preservation Color Palette – Continued Discussion

Mr. Aghemo discussed the Preservation Color Palette item, which had been continued from a previous workshop. Given the absence of several Board members, discussion was deferred to the next meeting to allow for full participation.

Motion to continue the Preservation Color Palette discussion to the next meeting by Ms. Vogt. Seconded by Ms. Beville. Motion passed unanimously.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS Board members discussed the need to recruit qualified members to meet the Board’s composition requirements, specifically an architect and an attorney. Members

emphasized the importance of protecting historic properties and completing nominations for other historic structures in the community.

7. STAFF COMMENTS Mr. Aghemo informed the board that Alex Romero would assume responsibility for meeting minutes and operation of equipment during future meetings. Staff also discussed follow-up items and procedural updates to be addressed at the next meeting.
8. **ADJOURN Motion to adjourn by Ms. Beville. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.**