

**CITY OF SANIBEL
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
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Introduction

Sanibel has been widely recognized for its preservation ethic - respect for the natural environment, plants and animals. It is the mission of the Historical Preservation Committee to include in that preservation ethic a respect for the environment of the past, the sites and structures, and the people who shaped our history. The City, through the efforts of this Committee, has embraced Sanibel Island history with the Historical Museum and Village and its collection, with site markers along streets and Shared Use Paths, and with a program to recognize and protect historic structures.

Projects

- Continue communication and coordination between the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, Inc. (501c3) and the City of Sanibel's Historical Preservation Committee.
- Research, review and inventory historic resources such as books, articles, maps, videos and records.
- Complete a list of incentives to encourage property owners to support listing their properties on the City of Sanibel's Local Register of Historic Landmarks.
- Funding to support the preservation, maintenance and rehabilitation of existing and future local Historic Landmarks.
- Continue supporting ongoing public educational programs regarding the importance of Sanibel's unique historic legacy.
- Seek information regarding World War II and the involvement of Sanibel and the surrounding area.
- Develop an inventory of historical sites on Sanibel.
- Improve the Rutland Gravesite area as a joint venture with the Bicycle Club.

Achievements

- Completed inventory of plaques on existing landmarks and structures and made recommendations for sign format and wording.
- Reviewed and recommended acquisitions of historic items to be displayed within the Sanibel Historic Museum and Village.
- Conducted local and regional educational and outreach programs (as part of Bailey Fest, Florida State Fair and other public events).

- Supported the continued inventory/archival process in place to assess value of acquisitions at the Sanibel Historic Museum and Village for insurance purposes.
- Coordinated the relocation of Shorehaven with the Sanibel Historical Museum & Village, Inc. (501c3) and owners.
- Supported the purchase of the Bailey Homestead by the Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Recommendations to City Council

- Continue funding the preservation and maintenance of the Sanibel Historic Museum and Village.
- Continue developing a Master Plan for the Sanibel Lighthouse and property.
- Continue to insure that the U.S. Coast Guard maintains the light at the Sanibel Lighthouse as a coastal navigational aid.
- Maintain the Harriett Spoth Fund as the City's primary financial resource to support preservation.
- During the FY 2013 budget process consider a source of funding for the systematic replacement and maintenance of existing plaques at historic sites and landmarks.

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