Town of Belleair



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Boulevard Historic Designation Application

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Summary

To: Town Commission

From: Cathy DeKarz, Management Analyst

Date: 9/3/2019

Subject:

Resolution 2019-14 - Adding 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard to the Historic Registry

Summary:

The Town of Belleair is applying to the Historic Preservation Board and the Commission to place Belleair Town Hall (901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard) on the Town of Belleair Historic Registry. As an authorized signer and chief representative for the Town of Belleair, Town Manager JP Murphy has signed off on the attached designation application.

This property was nominated for historic designation in July of 2018 by the Town's historic preservation contractor, as it meets the designation criteria set forth in Belleair's Code of Ordinances.

Previous Commission Action: On July 24, 2018, the Historic Preservation Board received its final report from JMT that included research and documentation on 51 properties and structures in Town that JMT nominated for placement on the Town's Historic Registry.

As one of these properties was 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, the applicant now wishes to follow through with JMT's nomination to place the structure on Belleair's registry.

Additionally, on August 27, 2019, Belleiar's Historic Preservation Board reviewed this application and recommended the Commission to approve Resolution 2019-14.

Background/Problem Discussion: Built in 1964, 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard serves as Belleair's main municipal building and is a one-story, mid-century modern structure. Though it has undergone several internal renovations since its original construction, the front façade of the building and its embodiment of the mid-

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century modern style remain original.

Per the attached Florida Master Site File Form for this property, distinguishing features of 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard include its partial-width entry portico capped with a flat roof and supported by large, square posts on the front façade. Two sets of single-pane glass and metal double doors sheltered under the portico also help to frame the mid-century modern look.

Belleair's Code of Ordinances requires that any property or structure on Belleair's Historic Registry meet at least one of the nine of the criteria set forth. However, staff believes that this property actually meets five of the points, making the property noteworthy for:

A: Its character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the town, county, state, or nation

C: Its identification with a person or persons who significantly contributed to the development of the town, county, state, or nation

D: Its embodiment of distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style valuable for the study of a period, type, method of construction, or use of indigenous materials

F: Its embodiment of elements of design, detailing, materials, or craftsmanship that render it architectural significant

I: Its suitability for preservation or restoration

Expenditure Challenges N/A

Financial Implications: N/A

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving Resolution 2019-14 - Adding 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard to the Historic Registry.

Proposed Motion I move approval of Resolution 2019-14 - Adding 901 Ponce de Leon Boulevard to the Historic Registry.