The City of

Boynton Beach

Historic Resources Preservation Board Agenda

Monday, June 9, 2025, 6:30 PM

City Commission Chambers
100 E. Ocean Avenue
Boynton Beach, FL 33435

Boynton Beach Historic Resources Preservation Board

Valentina Broglia, Member
Barbara Ready, Chair
Michael Wilson, Member
Robert Wilt, Member
Victor Norfus, Alternate

Daniel Dugger, City Manager
Shawna Lamb, City Attorney
Maylee De Jesus, City Clerk

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Agenda Approval**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

   A. Approval of Minutes
   Approve Minutes from the January 13th, 2025 Historic Resources Preservation Board meeting.

4. **Communications and Announcements**

5. **Old Business**

6. **New Business**

7. **Other**

   A. Brochures created for the historical places in the City.
   Staff is seeking the Board's guidance on updating the brochures.

   B. Signs installed for the Downtown Heritage Trail Walking Tour Program
   The Historic Resources and Preservation Board has informed staff that signs installed for the Downtown Heritage Trail walking tour program are damaged and in need of repair. Staff visited 12 sites listed on the Trail map and confirmed for three (3) signs that remain. Staff will provide a presentation of the findings of the Downtown Heritage Trail program.

8. **Comments by Board Members**

9. **Public Comments Relative to Historic Preservation**

10. **Announce Date of Next Meeting**

11. **Adjournment**

Notice

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Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 06/ 9/2025

Approval of Minutes

Requested Action: Approve Minutes from the January 13th, 2025 Historic Resources Preservation Board meeting.

Attachments:
01-13-25 Final.pdf

MINUTES OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES PRESERVATION BOARD
HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.
IN CITY HALL, COMMISSION CHAMBERS
100 E. OCEAN AVENUE, BOYNTON BACH, FLORIDA

PRESENT

Barbara Ready, Chair
Mike Wilson
Robert Wilt
Victor Norfus, Alt. *(Arrived 7:05 P.M.)*
Valentina Broglia
Andrea Rodriguez

Jae Eun Kim, Principal Planner
Louis Bencosme, Principal Planner
John Stout, Planner II

ABSENT:
Bradley Jackson

1 Call to Order

Chair Ready called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Agenda Approval

Chair Ready requested to add a discussion of using Girl Scout Troop 24514 to the agenda under New Business, and said that the cadets would like to start a project relative to the Downtown QR Codes.

Motion

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ms. Broglia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes

Chair Ready noted a change on page 2, Item 5 A, second sentence, the word polls should be poles.

Ms. Broglia moved to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Wilt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

a. Approval of Minutes
Approve the minutes from the November 12, 2024 Historic Resources Preservation Board meeting.

4. Communications and Announcements

None.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

Girl Scout Troop 24514

Chair Ready said that the Girl Scouts noted that the sign in front of the Magnuson House is faded and that the QR Code is not legible. She said that the Board had discussed this in the past and asked where the QR Codes and stanchions were that were removed during construction, as they were told they would be replaced when construction was complete.

Ms. Kim stated that they reached out to the Public Works Director and would follow up and provide an update at the next meeting.

Chair Ready suggested that the cadets participate somehow, because they are working on a badge and said that she would monitor this project.

Mr. Wilson asked what the deadline was for the Girl Scouts.

Chair Ready stated that she did not know. She said that GPS involved in addition to the QR Codes and that a map would be helpful.

After further brief dialogue, there was agreement to work with the Girl Scouts.

7. Other

a. Relocation of the Andrews House
Update on the potential relocation of the Andrews House located at 306 SE 1st Avenue

Rick Hoffer, Assistant Director, Public Works, reviewed a PowerPoint made at the last City Commission Meeting and reviewed three potential relocation sites for the Andrews House, as contained in the meeting materials. He commented that they originally looked at five locations. He spoke about the direction he received from the Commission.

Brief discussion followed that if they used the site as a Welcome Center, it was the farthest away from the downtown.

Mr. Hoffer spoke about potential site two, on E Ocean Avenue next to the Magnuson House, was reviewed.

He stated that the parcel is a CRA-owned lot and pointed out that wood structures have to be 20 feet apart, and if relocating the home to the site, the structures would be 10 feet apart. He said that it is a Fire/Life Safety Issue and that if used, they may have to upgrade the wall to improve fire-ratings and other complications with the site.

Discussion followed that there is also a sidewalk and a right-of-way for a road abutting the property and that if the walkway were removed or moved over, the structure may fit.

Ms. Kim explained that they do not have a survey and this is in a study stage.

Mr. Hoffer commented that he did not investigate that and that the zoning at the site is R-3.

Chair Ready commented that site two would be the least costly move.

Discussion ensued that if the home was moved further back, it could alleviate the setback issue, and that the vacant lot at 209 was privately owned and the owner would not sell.

Chair Ready inquired if the City Commission would approve a variance and suggested Planning and Zoning review it.

Ms. Kim commented that a variance may not be a good option, because the separation requirements are fire/life safety issues. She said one of the reasons the Magnuson Home location was discussed was because there was a lot of support to move it next to the home. She mentioned that the CRA has explored potential sites, but it would be more difficult to use the Magnuson House and come up with a different use for this property. She stated that staff will update the Board at the next meeting, and she was sure that there would be future discussions about it on the City Commission level.

Mr. Hoffer spoke about potential location three on Seacrest on a CRA-owned lot was viewed. He advised that the zoning was R-2 and that there is some talk of the City use for this site. He added that the home is being moved for preservation purposes and that staff contacted a vendor to obtain an estimate to move the home.

(Mr. Norfus arrived at 7:05 P.M.)

Chair Ready opened the floor to public comments.

Susan Oyer expressed her opinions and supported Option Two as the best possible location and for a light intensive use. She agreed that the home could be rotated and the City could approve a variance. She inquired about obtaining a copy of the report from the Fire and Building Officials about building regulations and commented that the area was

supposed to have a café for City Hall and they need a place to go for drinks, ice cream, gourmet sandwiches, etc. She said that the Board could make recommendations.

Mike Fitzpatrick commented that the meeting is a positive sign that the City Commission and staff are taking action to move the historic Andrews House. He questioned why the Board was not notified that a demolition permit was submitted.

Ms. Kim said that she did not know enough about the timeline and that she will take notes and send him a follow up email, because she did not want to deliver incorrect information.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was concerned that the presentation was the fox guarding the hen house and it seemed like the City wanted the Andrews House bulldozed. He agreed that the home can be moved back or rotated and they can open up the sidewalk to meet the separation requirements. He stated that he is in favor of Option Two.

Tom Warnke commented that the project is a feel-good project and the Andrews House is the oldest house in Boynton Beach and it is in excellent condition. He reviewed his history with the City and knowledge of renovations made to the home 20 years ago, which also included using Dade County Pine. He said that the development going in is huge and it will help revitalize the downtown and that in November they formed a citizen committee to save the home. He said that at one time it was a museum, and the home has a history. Mr. Warnke requested the following:

- Recommend that the City Commission make immediate arrangements to have ownership of the house go to the CRA or the City Commission.

- Commit to move the home next to the Magnuson House on Ocean Avenue as Option Two, rotate the home by 90 degrees or move it slightly east and take part of the easement and move it back a bit. He said that with a variance and proper maintenance by the City, the separation requirements can be addressed.

- Recommend the home be repurposed for a public use and not residential or City offices. He said the public should have access to the building. He noted that the walls can be decorated with Boynton Beach History.

Mr. Warnke spoke about the historic buildings in Delray Beach. He thought people would love to go into the Andrews House.

Dr. Ben Lowe, Professional Historian and Professor of History at FAU, stated that he has been in the City since 1997, and he has seen more historical buildings destroyed than he cared to say. He said the last survey was conducted in 1996, and the Andrews House is the last remaining building. He agreed with Mr. Fitzpatrick's comments and stated that

many of the issues with this building can be fixed by hiring a historic planner. He agreed with the suggestions made by Ms. Oyer, and supported Option Two, and stated that relocation can be accomplished.

Mr. Norfus agreed with the suggestions and did not think they had a welcome center near Ocean Avenue. He said that they do not have anything for adults to be welcomed into the City.

The members supported Option Two and explained why.

Mr. Wilson spoke about potential uses and said that his recommendation to the City Commission would be along the lines of using the building as a museum or light commercial and not a full restaurant.

Chair Ready stated that when the City held charettes to obtain public input, the public indicated that it wanted a quaint fishing village, where one can stroll down the Avenue and partake of the small shops. She said that it is unfortunate the advice residents gave over the years, was ignored. She commented that if they can save this house and put it next to another historic house, it could create a place for them to stroll down to and spend money. She announced that this was their last grasp to get what they wanted.

Motion

Mr. Wilson moved to request the City Commission chose Location Two, adjacent to the Magnuson House on Ocean Avenue, to preserve the historic character of the downtown area. Ms. Broglia seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Mr. Wilson moved to request the City Commission pursue ownership of the Andrews house to control of the City or the CRA. Mr. Wilt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion

Mr. Wilson moved to approve the City Commission moved to repurpose the Andrews home for public use. Ms. Rodriguez seconded the motion.

Mr. Norfus proposed a public use that would include a welcome center, museum information, and not a restaurant or a place where the rangers can come. He stated that he wants to make it a public use for the public to come in and interact with.

Mr. Wilson agreed that he did not want the use to only be a City use.

Chair Ready pointed out that a Welcome Center is in City Hall, across from the Information Desk.

Vote

Mr. Wilson rescinded his prior motion about repurposing the home for public use.

Motion

Ms. Broglia moved to repurpose the Andrews House for a public use where it falls under commercial use in the zoning code. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Kim commented that this is not a voting matter, it is a recommendation.

Chair Ready stated that they will be making a recommendation and urging the City and CRA to move in one direction. She said that if it emerges as three motions of this Board being in favor of Option Two and saving it, that is what is going to happen.

Ms. Kim reiterated for the record, this is not a voting matter.

Chair Ready stated the Board just voted and she asked for a vote on the third motion.

Vote

The motion unanimously passed.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business before the Board, Chair Ready adjourned the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 P.M.

Catherine Cherry
Minutes Specialist

City of Boynton Beach
Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 06/ 9/2025

Brochures created for the historical places in the City.

Requested Action: Staff is seeking the Board's guidance on updating the brochures.

Explanation of Request:

In the past, brochures were developed to provide the public with information about various aspects of the Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB), including details on the city's existing historic locations. Staff is requesting the HRPB review the current brochures and provide feedback on any updates or revisions they feel are needed. There are currently six brochures staff would like the board to consider: Historic Preservation in Boynton Beach, Boynton Beach Architectural Styles, Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program, Cemetery Heritage Trail, Conrad Pickel Tour Brochure, and Downtown Heritage Trail.

How will this affect city programs or services? N/A

Account Line Item and Description: N/A

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Attachments:
Historic Preservation in Boynton Beach.pdf
Boynton Beach Architectural Styles.pdf
Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program.pdf
Cemetery Heritage Trail.pdf
Conrad Pickel Tour Brochure.pdf
Downtown Heritage Trail.pdf

What renovations may be done on my own and what renovations must be approved by Staff or the Historic Resources Preservation Board?

Any general maintenance, which is defined as maintenance that does not change the exterior appearance, design, or materials of the structure, does not require a permit. Any other exterior rehabilitation requires the filing of a Certificate of Appropriateness and subsequent approval. A Certificate of Appropriateness Matrix is readily available which indicates the level of review required for each type of improvement.



Interested in learning more?

You may find answers to any additional questions or share your opinions by contacting Warren Adams of the Planning and Zoning Division of the Development Department via e-mail at adamsw@bbfl.us or by phone at 561-742-6757.

Also find more information on historic preservation on the City's website at: *www.boynton-beach.org.*

Further updates regarding the progress of the historic preservation program will be available in the near future.



Get involved. It's your City, your past and your future.

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Historic Preservation in Boynton Beach



Boynton Beach recognizes the importance of preserving its historic resources (structures, archaeological finds, and roads). To date, the City has adopted a comprehensive historic preservation ordinance, has agreed to fund a Preservation Planner position, has approved a tax exemption program as an incentive for homeowners to renovate their historic structures, and has commenced a community education campaign financed by federal grant dollars and monies from the Boynton Beach Historical Society. A public service announcement will be airing on BBTV and will be supplemented by various informative publications and programs.



Benefits to the Community of Historic Preservation

- The purpose of historic preservation is to encourage the general public to integrate the past with the present and the future. Historic preservation does not halt growth or change, but instead emphasizes the totality of human experience in a given community.

- Historic preservation provides an identity for a city. By promoting the unique history of Boynton Beach, the foundation on which it has been built and subsequently expanded is readily apparent.

- The establishment of historic landmarks serves as a source for civic pride. Children and adults alike can point to the contribution Boynton Beach has made to the history of Florida.

- The preservation of historic structures helps stabilize aging neighborhoods. The beauty of various architectural styles and superior craftsmanship is emphasized and embraced.

- Historic preservation fosters community cohesiveness and interaction. Neighbors work together to apply for historic designation status and encourage each other to rehabilitate their homes by focusing on unique architectural features and historical context.

- Studies have proven that historic preservation creates exciting and vibrant neighborhoods with increased property values. Additionally, ad valorem tax exemptions for a period up to 10 years are available for the increased value associated with qualifying improvements to historic properties.

- Studies have also demonstrated a positive effect on tourism and business growth. Historic sites attract out-of-town visitors who find them very appealing.

- In summary, historic preservation provides for the City of Boynton Beach the fostering and strengthening of civic pride and a strong economic development strategy. Historic resources are the non-renewable, visible remains of the past. Once lost, they can never be replaced. Preservation contributes to sustainability and the present emphasis on "eco-friendly" and notably, **"the greenest building is an existing building"**.



Frequently Asked Questions:

Are there tax breaks available to property owners with structures that have received the status of historic designation?

Yes, there are. The Ad Valorem tax incentive program provides for exemptions from City and County tax increases associated with qualifying improvements to historic properties for up to a ten (10) year period. These exemptions are intended for the physical improvements necessary for the restoration or rehabilitation of historic structures which may also include additions or alterations.

Can the Historic Resources Preservation Board tell me what color to paint my house?

No, it can not. Paint is viewed as a temporary application that does not damage original material and therefore is not regulated. The Board and Staff would gladly provide guidance to any homeowner who requested assistance in choosing a historically appropriate color.

Public Buildings



The Boynton Beach Woman's Club was designed by well known architect Addison Mizner. It was built in 1926 in the Mediterranean Revival Style, and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



The Boynton Beach School is another important public building in Boynton Beach. Designed by William W. Maughlin in 1913, the school is built in the Masonry Vernacular style.
It features an arched portico and bell tower.
Listed in the National Register of Historic Places, this building has been converted to a children's museum.

Commercial Architecture



The historical commercial section of the City of Boynton Beach is a One-Part and Two-Part Commercial Block on East Ocean Avenue extending to Federal Highway. The buildings are constructed of either masonry or wood frame and have minimal design details.



If you would like further information on the city's Historic Preservation Program, please contact Warren Adams, Historic Preservation Planner, by telephone at 561-742-6757 or via e-mail at adamsw@bbfl.us.

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Historic Preservation in Boynton Beach

Major Architectural Styles
Frame Vernacular
Mission Style
Mediterranean Revival

Frame Vernacular



Wood frame vernacular buildings represent the most typical method of construction used by pioneers in South Florida

The Andrews House built c. 1901, is a fine example of this style.

Frame vernacular buildings are noted for their stark simplicity. The floor plan may be either rectangular or irregular in shape.



DESIGNED BY ADRIAN GOMEZ

Mediterranean Revival



V.G. Weaver House built in 1925.

The Mediterranean Revival style of architecture was inspired by European structures that were built around the basin of the Mediterranean Sea. Themes were borrowed from Spanish, Italian, North African and Moorish examples. This style was very popular in California and Florida during the 1920s.





The style is expressed with applied ornamentation, carved decorations, twisted columns, balustrades, and ceramic tile. Low pitched terra cotta tile roofs, either gabled or hipped, are typical. Windows and doors are arched and include a variety of shapes such as semi-circular, pointed, ogee or segmented.

Bungalow Style



Lee Manor Inn, built c. 1935

The Bungalow became an architectural style at the turn of the 20th century through the Arts and Crafts Movement.



This Movement advocated the pre-industrial ideas of craftsmanship, simplicity, honest expression of materials, and harmony with nature.

The typical Bungalow is modest in scale, one, or one and a half stories high, with a low pitch gable roof, a front porch and a simple floor plan.

Mission Style



The above is an outstanding example of the Mission Style in Boynton Beach.

Inspired by 18th century Mission Churches, the Mission style had its beginnings in California during the 1880s. In Florida the style became popular for low to moderately priced houses and reached its peak in popularity during the 1920s. The Mission Style is noted for its simplicity. The most prominent feature is a curved parapet at the roof line. The roofs are traditionally flat, with interest given to an occasional secondary roof feature such as a dormer or sloping porch.



The Designation Process

According to City ordinance, official action is required by the Board and City Commission before a structure or district is designated "historic", and subject to the preservation requirements of the City's program.

Applications for designation may only be initiated by the HRPB, the City Commission, the property owner, or a simple majority of property owners within a proposed district where each property shall be allocated one vote.

In the case of a district, at least 50% of the buildings shall be at least 50 years old and/or exhibit architectural and/or historic significance as outlined in the Ordinance.

Nominations are submitted to the HRPB and are discussed and voted upon during a public hearing, following public notification of the meeting.

If the HRPB recommends approval, the application is forwarded to the City Commission who may then approve or deny the application.

If the HRPB recommends denial, no further action is required unless an applicant, or not less than two-thirds of the affected property owners (in the case of a District), appeals to the City Commission.



Wenger House

For further information on the Historic Preservation Program or to sign up for regular update emails, please contact Warren Adams, Historic Preservation Planner, at the Planning and Zoning Division of the Development Department by telephone at 561-742-6757 or via e-mail at adamsw@bbfl.us.

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Boynton Beach Historic Preservation Program



Boynton Woman's Club (National Register)

The City of Boynton Beach recently initiated its Historic Preservation Program. To date, the City has:

- Adopted a Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Employed a full-time Historic Preservation Planner.
- Approved a tax exemption program for historic property owners.
- Commenced a community education campaign.
- Established a Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB).
- Produced a public service announcement currently airing on BBTV.

This brochure contains information on the workings of the Historic Preservation Program and the processes adopted for its implementation.

Historic Preservation Tools

The following are the basic components and requirements of the City's Historic Preservation Program:

The **Historic Preservation Ordinance** is a legal document that establishes and describes the HRPB, the designation process, Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) applications, an appeals process, and the tax exemption program.

The **Design Guidelines** provide guidance in selecting materials and construction methods to preserve original architectural design and character of historic resources, and ensure compatibility of all new construction with existing structures located within historic districts. This document is for guidance only; therefore, there may be appropriate design options available other than those listed.

The **Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation** are the general rules and criteria used in the review of repairs, alterations, or additions to a historic structure or related site feature, and any new construction.

The **Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Approval Matrix** outlines the method for reviewing proposed modifications or additions to a historic structure.

Historic Preservation Planner

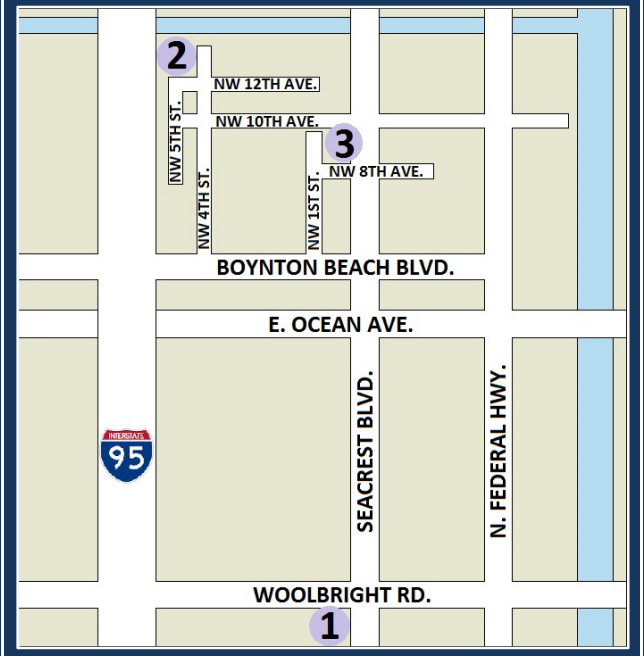
The Historic Preservation Planner is an expert in Historic Preservation who is responsible for the implementation of the Historic Preservation Program by:

- Providing support to local residents, property owners and builders through the distribution of educational information and technical resources that assist with the preservation of local historic assets.
- Reviewing and advising the public on the COA process and applications.
- Providing technical support and direction to the HRPB necessary to assist with the fulfillment of its duties.
- Maintaining maps and a database of all historic districts and properties within the City of Boynton Beach.
- Liaising with County, State, and Federal Historic Preservation agencies and organizations.
- Obtaining and administering historic preservation grants.
- Administering the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program.
- Conducting site visits and historic resource surveys.
- Maintaining the City's Certified Local Government (CLG) status.

Historic Resources Preservation Board (HRPB)

The HRPB consists of seven members and two alternates appointed by the City Commission. Members are selected from various fields and have experience or a special interest in Historic Preservation. HRPB duties include:

- Reviewing COA applications that are not administratively reviewed by the Historic Preservation Planner. The level of review required is depicted in the easy to read COA Matrix.
- Making recommendations to the City Commission on the nomination of properties and districts to the Local and National Registers of Historic Places, and amendments to the Design Guidelines and/or the Historic Preservation Ordinance.
- Conducting educational sessions and promotions to further educate the public on preservation goals, methods, and planning.
- Conducting all business during publicly advertised, regularly scheduled meetings that are open to the public.
- Providing guidance on larger, more involved projects and providing informal direction prior to an applicant finalizing any designs or submitting a formal application.



There are three cemeteries within the City of Boynton Beach:

1. Boynton Beach Memorial Park
2. Barton Memorial Park Cemetery
3. Sara Sims Memorial Gardens

Photographs are permitted in the cemeteries; however, climbing on, sitting on, or leaning against the grave markers or using any substance to improve the visibility of the inscriptions is strictly prohibited.

Further information on each cemetery can be found online by scanning the Quick Response (QR) Codes with a smart phone QR Code Reader or by contacting the City of Boynton Beach.

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City of Boynton Beach

Cemetery Heritage Trail



Boynton Beach Memorial Park



The "Old Section" of Boynton Beach Memorial Park contains the oldest graves in the cemetery and is located at the northeast corner of the site. Many different styles of grave markers, some of which contain interesting symbols, can be found here. The earliest legible date on a grave marker is 1903.

The mausoleum to the west of the site contains a stained glass mural by Conrad Pickel, a renowned stained glass designer who lived and worked in the city. Pickel also designed the statue of a child in the children's section of the cemetery.

The site is open from sunrise until sunset. Parking is available in the cemetery.

Barton Memorial Park Cemetery



The Barton Memorial Park Cemetery was used for the burial of African-American citizens. Although only twenty grave markers exist, records indicate there could be as many as 58 graves on the site.

In the late 1970s the cemetery was under threat from the construction of I-95 and plans were made to relocate the burials. However, research indicates the highway was re-aligned to avoid the site.

The cemetery is named after the Barton family as Mary Barton was instrumental in having the site cleaned up in the 1970s. Her son, Alton, is buried in the cemetery.

The site is open from sunrise until sunset. On-street parking is available.

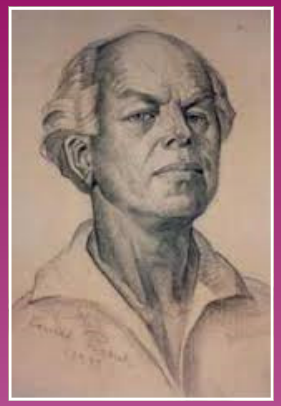
Sara Sims Memorial Gardens



The Sara Sims Memorial Gardens cemetery was originally designed in 1957 to provide much-needed burial space for the city's African -American citizens. The first burial took place in 1958. The cemetery is named after Sara Sims who was a well-known community activist and who is buried in the cemetery.

Records indicate there are many more burials than there are grave markers. Of particular interest are the concrete slab markers and the marker decorated with a tile mosaic, which is the only one of its kind in the city.

The site is open from sunrise until sunset. There is parking adjacent to the cemetery.



Conrad Pickel was a renowned stained glass designer, artist, and visionary who lived in the City of Boynton Beach from 1956 until 1994. He designed stained glass windows for over 700 churches in the USA and is credited with manufacturing the largest stained glass window in the world at the Resurrection Mausoleum, Justice, Illinois.

Pickel worked in many mediums proving himself to be a skilled painter, mosaic maker, and sculptor. He was a passionate supporter of the arts and an innovator. His Decralite glass blocks allowed stained glass to be easily incorporated into construction projects.

Although Pickel designed and built a number of structures in the city, two of his most visionary projects were never started: encasing the Boynton Beach water tower in stained glass and topping it with a rotating observation deck, and adding black tile and a wiry bronze sculpture to the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway at Ocean Avenue.

This brochure provides information on buildings within the City of Boynton Beach that are associated with Conrad Pickel, a renowned stained glass artist who lived and worked in the city. The buildings, some of which were designed and built by Pickel, contain examples of his stained glass, faceted glass, and Decralite blocks.

All sites apart from the Boynton Cemetery and Mausoleum are in private ownership. Most buildings are visible from the street. Under no circumstances should visitors enter any property without first obtaining permission from the owner.

Further information on Conrad Pickel and the sites can be found at:

www.historic.boynton-beach.org/

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CONRAD PICKEL





New Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church
221 NW 8th Ave.

Faceted glass windows designed Pickel.

Visible from the street.





JS Autos and adjacent industrial units
240 NE 6th Ave./617 NE 3rd St.

The JS Autos building was built by Pickel in 1972 for use as gallery space. It contains Decralite blocks and roof panels similar to those that were found on Gallery Fantasia.

The industrial units were built by Pickel c.1970 and used as his studio. They contain many Decralite blocks.

Both buildings are visible from the street.



Ascension Lutheran Church
2929 S. Seacrest Blvd.

The faceted glass windows were designed by Pickel.

Some windows are visible from the street.



St. Joseph's Episcopal Church
3300 S. Seacrest Blvd.

The large faceted glass window on the east elevation was designed by Pickel.

Not visible from the street.



Stable's Medical & Wellness Center
2602 N. Federal Hwy.

Built by Pickel in 1979 for use as a studio. Contains Decralite blocks.

Visible from the street.



St. Mark Catholic Church
643 St. Mark Pl. (NE 4th Ave.)

Leaded stained glass and faceted glass designed by Pickel.

Not visible from the street.



425 SE 5th Ave.

Former Pickel private studio. The house was built in 1935 and the rear addition was added by Pickel in 1983.

Visible from the street.



Courtesy Pickel Studios (no date)

1000 S. Federal Hwy.

The former Gallery Fantasia was built by Pickel in 1974. It contains Decralite blocks and leaded stained glass. The roof panels have been removed.

Visible from the street.



Boynton Beach Memorial Park and Mausoleum
1611 S. Seacrest Blvd.

The mausoleum contains faceted glass designed by Pickel. In the children's section of the cemetery is a bronze statue by Pickel titled "Loaned from Heaven".

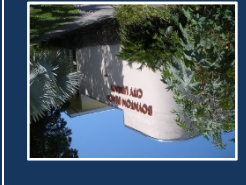
Neither are visible from the street; however, public access is permitted during opening hours.





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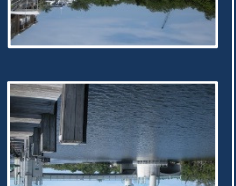

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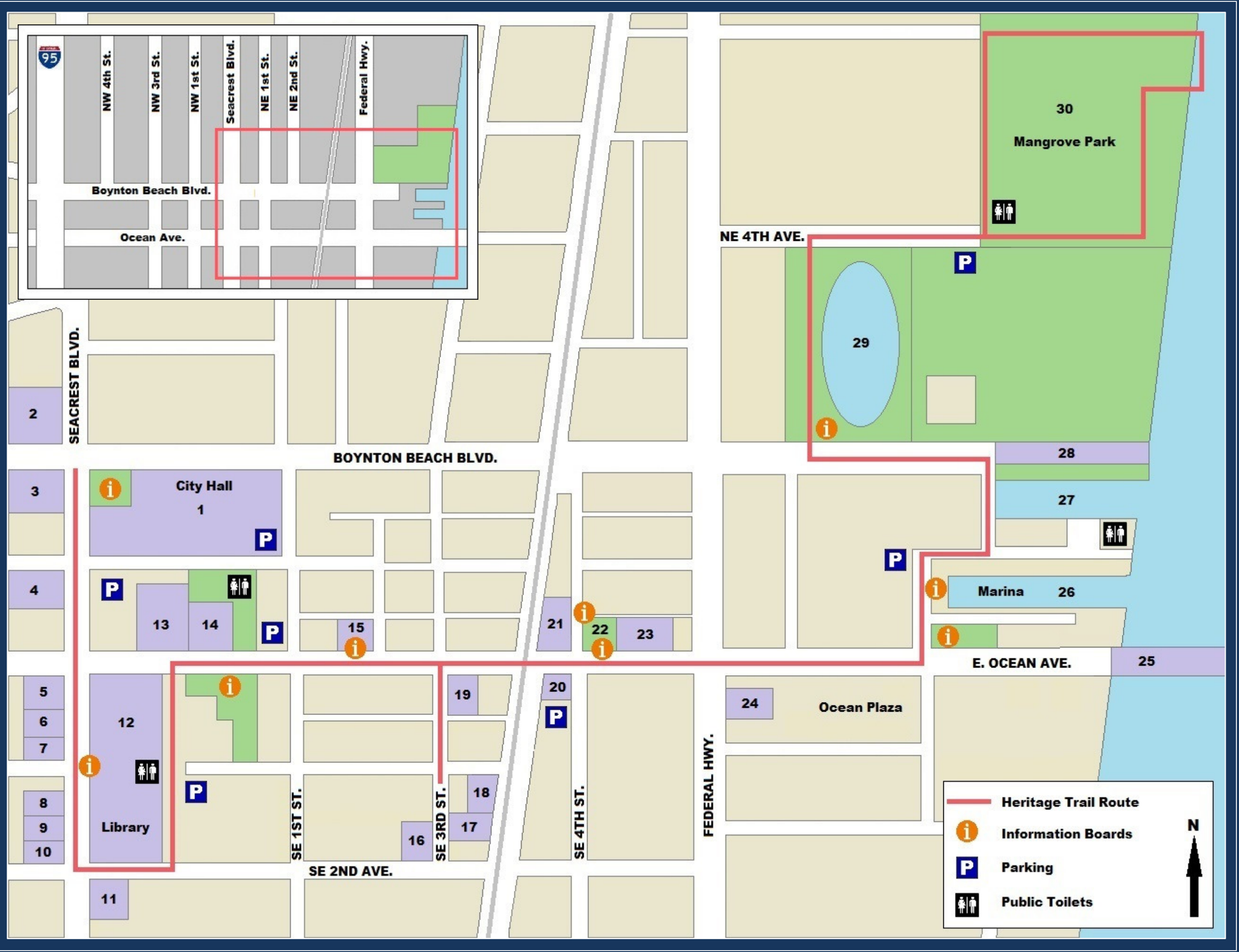
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Agenda Item Request Form

Meeting Date: 06/ 9/2025

Signs installed for the Downtown Heritage Trail Walking Tour Program

Requested Action: The Historic Resources and Preservation Board has informed staff that signs installed for the Downtown Heritage Trail walking tour program are damaged and in need of repair. Staff visited 12 sites listed on the Trail map and confirmed for three (3) signs that remain. Staff will provide a presentation of the findings of the Downtown Heritage Trail program.

Explanation of Request: The Historic Resource Preservation Board has requested that staff research and provide an update on the current conditions of the Heritage Trail Walking Tour program and its associated signage. Staff's review found that the program requires significant updates, as much of the original signage is either missing or in disrepair. Additionally, some sites originally included in the tour may need to be removed or adjusted due to recent changes. Staff would like to present these findings to the Board to discuss potential next steps for revamping the Heritage Trail Walking Tour program.

How will this affect city programs or services? N/A

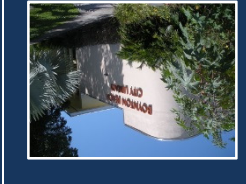
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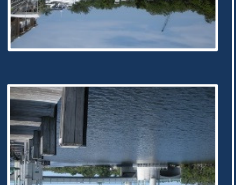
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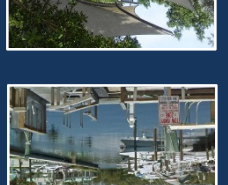
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