

*Ozona Village
Improvement Society
O.V.I.S.*

P.O. Box 81 • Ozona, Florida 34660

County Commissioner Charlie Justice
Chairman
Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board
315 Court St. Clearwater FL 33756

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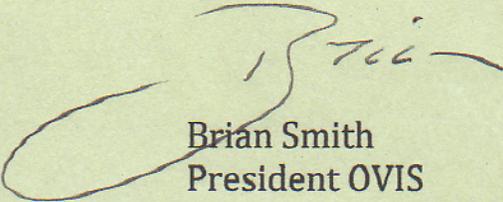
Hon. Chairman Justice,

The Ozona Village Improvement Society (OVIS) at its meeting on August 24 took action to recommend that the Ozona Village Hall be designated as a historic structure in accordance with the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance.

The Village Hall was built in 1900 by the Ozona Village Ladies Improving Society using donated materials and volunteer labor and has continually served Ozona as a community focus since that date. The full application with background material is attached.

We look forward to one of the oldest structures in the County being recognized under the County's new historic preservation program.

Thank You,



Brian Smith
President OVIS



X Building Structure

Type of Property Nominated (for staff use only)

Building Structure

Site

Object

Historic District

Multiple Resource

Local Landmark Designation Application

Date: _8/31/2015

Applicant

Name/Title _ OZONA VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY (OVIS)

Organization _OVIS

Address ___ PO Box 81

City __Ozona _____State –Florida Zip Code __ 34660

Phone_ 727-424-7330

Email_smithozona@gmail.com

Property

Historic Name __Ozona Village Hall

Property Address __341 Bay Street

City __Ozona (Palm Harbor) State _Florida Zip Code ___34660 (34683)

Tax Parcel Identification Number_FUTRELL'S SUB BLK5,E75FTOF LOT2

Property Owner

Name _OVIS

Address _PO Box 81

City _Ozona State _ Florida Zip Code _34660

Phone__727-424-7330

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Criteria for Designation

Please check all applicable boxes if the resource you are submitting for designation is:

- X - Associated with distinctive elements of the cultural, social, political, economic, scientific, religious, prehistoric, or architectural history that have contributed to the pattern of history in the community, the county, southwestern Florida, the state or nation.
- X - Has yielded, or are likely to yield, information on history or prehistory.
- X - Listed or have been determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.
- X - Associated with the life or activities of a person of importance in local, state, or national history.
- Is the site of a historic event with a significant effect upon the county, state or nation.
- X - Exemplary of the historical, political, cultural, economic, or social trends of the community in history.
- X - Associated in a significant way with a past or continuing institution which has contributed substantially to the life of the community.
- X - Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, style or method of construction or are the work of a master; or that possess high artistic value; or that represent a distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.
- X - It portrays the environment in an era of history characterized by one or more distinctive design element or architectural styles;
- X - It embodies the characteristics of an architectural style, period or method of construction.
- It is a historic or outstanding work of a prominent architect, designer, or landscape architect.
- It contains elements of design, detail, material, or craftsmanship which are of outstanding quality or which represented, in its time, a significant innovation, adaptation or response to the southwest Florida environment.



Function or Use

Historic Function:

The hall was built in 1900 to provide a meeting place for the community and to house the various Community activities. The hall was located in the middle of the community along the Bay Street so that it could be readily accessible to everyone in Ozona. Some of the activities included official meetings, weekly dances, church services, plays and the other performances, social gatherings and as a meeting place for other community organizations or for people that just needed meeting space . The hall also served as a library for the community and it has been indicated that the hall was used as the post office.

Current Function:

The hall is the meeting place for OVIS, any public meetings affecting Ozona conducted by the County or other organizations. Organizations are not charged for these public meetings. OVIS conducts all of its meetings at the hall. The hall is designed as an open facility that can accommodate any function. Throughout 10 fold up tables and 80 fold up chairs. There are a men's and women's restrooms and a functioning kitchen (with no stove). The hall has a standup piano. The hall is rented out for private events and parties such as graduations and birthdays. OVIS hosts potluck dinners where the community restaurants provide food and residents bring their dishes. A holiday event is held each year in December with a potluck style. Many community issues have been sorted out in the hall in recent times. Examples of such issues are: development of the golf cart ordinance, defining a community position on planning and zoning changes, the development of traffic coming plans, reviews of rezoning issues, and the development of the speckled trout development agreement. The hall is used as the base of operations for the community cleanup program. Finally and most importantly, the Hall provides a symbolic presence representing the current and historic identity of the community.

Written Description of Proposed Landmark or Landmark Site (Attachment A)

As an attachment, please provide a narrative summary explaining the significance of the property as it relates to the above criteria for designation. The narrative should explain the archaeological, historical, architectural, or cultural significance of the proposed landmark, as well as the period of significance, date constructed, biographical data on significant persons who may have resided in the structure, the cultural affiliation/historic period, who the builder and architect were, etc., if known/applicable.)

Additional Evidence and Supporting Materials

Please provide the following, as attachments to this application:

- (a) Photographs which are inclusive of all elevations, architectural details and significant exterior features. (Attachment B)
- (b) Copy of Florida Master Site File, if one exists. (Attachment C)
- (c) Survey of property/structure.



Disclosure Information (This information must be supplied pursuant to County Ordinance No. 74-15)

A. If the owner is a corporation, partnership, or trust, list all persons (i.e. partners, corporate officers, all members of the trust) who are a party to such as well as anyone who may have a beneficial interest in the property which would be affected by any ruling on their application.

 OVIS Board Members President- Brian Smith, Vice President – Dennis Green, Secretary – Donna Green, Treasurer – Jim Wiesner, Board members – Connie Rieben, Susan White, Dottie Choate, Dave Ennis

Specify interest held: OVIS owns the Ozona Village Hall

B. Is there an existing contract for sale of subject property: Yes No

If yes, list names of all parties to the contract including all partners, corporate officers, and members of any trust:

Is contract conditional or absolute? Conditional Absolute

C. Are there any options to purchase on subject property? Yes No

If so, list names of all parties to option including all partners, corporate officers and members of any trust:

Signature of Property Owner

I hereby certify that all information is correct:

