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**Subject:** FW: Naples Historical Society: CLG Not Required, Correct?  
**Importance:** High

TO: Jason Aldridge  
cc: Steve Martin, Robin Singer

Thank you, again, for your time this morning. We appreciate your candor and patience. Robin and I agreed that I would recap the meeting, but allow me a few comments.

First, below is the forwarded email to you, Jason, in **March, 2017**, about the City of Naples not having to be a CLG in order to have an historic preservation program. In all of the other emails (see the attached files), calls and conversations with Michael Zimny and others at SHPO, this was not communicated as an issue. [These emails are dated almost 10 months ago to more than a year ago.](#)

Secondly, we appreciate the complexity of historic preservation, in Naples and elsewhere. The Naples Historic District has been a landmark since 1987, and finally, with great applause from the residents themselves, and a litany of City approvals, we have a chance to do just that.

Thirdly, there are neighboring CLG communities (Ft. Myers and in Collier County) where their DRB seeks to engage the ideal candidates, but they fill the community volunteer positions with the next best person. I know of the County's Historical & Archeological Preservation Board because I sit on it. There is NO historic preservation credentialed person on that Board. See below for DRB information copied from Ft. Myers:

## Members

Members shall be professionals and selected from the disciplines of architecture, history, architectural history, planning, construction, land use law, archaeology, or other historic preservation related disciplines and be residents of the city when possible.

Each historic district shall be represented by 1 member who either resides, owns property, operates a business or maintains an office within the historic district they represent.

In the event there are not enough professionals who are residents of the city to fill all positions, membership may include laypersons who have demonstrated special interest, experience, or knowledge in history, architecture, or related disciplines.

Recapping this morning's meeting:

1. Naples could become a CLG (*note that no homeowner wants to tap into federal or state funds, nor will the DRB/City of Naples designate historic status on any house not in the existing, approved District*),  
<http://dos.myflorida.com/historical/preservation/certified-local-governments/clg-faqs/>  
The entire CLG rationale has to do with grant awards. The focus should be on the desired credentials of the DRB.

2. We can follow Steve's recommendation and ensure we have a qualified professional available to facilitate restoration plan review (*I am in the process of interviewing one candidate for hire*),
3. Consider a hybrid, such that we have an inter-local agreement with Collier County, but use the City's DRB,
4. Take projects to SHPO for review until we have a sanctioned program (ideally with a 30-day turn-around as was mentioned today),
5. Jason, you were going to ask other communities how they addressed having a sanctioned program without being a CLG.

We remain hopeful that this can be addressed very soon; we've demonstrated our collaborative resolve and have tried often to do the right thing. Also, there are homeowners ready to move forward with restoration plans, including that on a house located at 95 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, at the foot of the Naples' Pier and adjacent to Historic Palm Cottage, both are major landmarks in Naples.

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We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.

Regards,

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**It Takes a Community to Preserve One!**

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Hello,

See below. A CLG is not required for the City of Naples. This is so important because it removes red tape, which will ultimate SAVE HOUSES!

Regards,

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### **It Takes a Community to Preserve One!**

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**Subject:** Naples Historical Society: CLG Not Required, Correct?

Dear Michael:

Thank you for your time today; it's always a pleasure speaking with you.

To recap our conversation:

From your perspective, speaking on behalf of the Division of Historical Resources, the City of Naples does NOT need to be a Certified Local Government (CLG) in order:

1. To determine if a house is considered an historic contributing structure in the Naples Historic District (because we will soon have a National Register-approved list indicating this), and
2. For the City's design review board (DRB) to render judgment on the proposed design modifications of an historic structure.

Your reply would be appreciated, as this is an important point in moving forward with the Society's Naples Historic District Initiative. Please know that the benefits to becoming a CLG are respected, but we don't recommend going forward with another approval process (CLG) while we're still trying to work through creating and approving a voluntary ordinance.

I look forward to your reply, and thank you again for your time.

Regards,

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