



Naples Historical Society

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To: Mayor Teresa Heitmann, Vice Mayor Mike McCabe and City Councilors Ted Blankenship, Ray Christman, Terry Hutchison, Paul Perry, Beth Petrunoff, and City Manager Jay Boodheshwar

Please accept this letter as my enthusiastic endorsement for Naples Historical Society's capital campaign project, *Protect Palm Cottage in Perpetuity!*

As you know, this project revolves around the purchase and development of a historic contributing structure in the Naples Historic District that is adjacent to Historic Palm Cottage™, Naples oldest house. The existing residential building will be slightly modified to accommodate a series of interactive exhibits, and the surrounding landscaping will showcase decades-old fruit trees and include a pathway with history stations, all of which will tell additional stories about the history of Naples.

Note that this project qualifies for the 50% Rule, making it a relatively easy project, or it should be. The only modifications to the building include: (1) a new roof, (2) removal of a few non-load-bearing walls in the interior to create a space for the exhibits, and (3) an ADA-compliant door in place of a typical door in the back of the house. The front of the building will remain unchanged, except for the replica replacement of the wrought iron that frames the façade.

Given the development in Naples and the complications resulting from a tragic hurricane last year, I/we believe this project is one of the best in the City. I/we strongly urge you to approve this project and direct the Building Department not to delay its issue of building permits. Thank you for your time and service to the City of Naples, Florida.

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Resident of the City of Naples? ____ Yes ____ No

Please return your signed letter of support to:

Naples Historical Society, P.O. Box 201, Naples FL 34106. Thank you!