

**VOLUSIA COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD**



March 24, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yates called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:09 p.m., March 24, 2015 in the Conrad Center, West Volusia Historical Society, 137 W. Michigan Ave., DeLand.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Yates thanked the West Volusia Historical Society for hosting the meeting and introduced WVHS President, Mr. Bob Wetton who welcomed everyone and thanked the board for coming. He then gave each member a copy of the book *A History of West Volusia*. Mr. Wetton introduced Mr. Larry French, newly named Executive Director, who welcomed everyone and offered the board WVHS's help in any way possible.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present to wit:

Jon Benn
Oscar Brock
Bill Chapin
Robert Clinton
Nancy Epps
Brian Polk
John Wagner
Jim Yates

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mr. Zacharias

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Ian Williams, Asst. County Attorney/Staff Counsel
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Kathy Yates, Luis Garcia, John Dieck, Bob Wetton. Larry French, Susie Macon, Tom Roberts, Kimberly Reading, Dr. Anne Lindsey, Dr. Emily Mearas

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - February 3, 2015 regular meeting

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *"To approve the minutes of the February 3, 2015 regular meeting as presented."* Member Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

Chair Yates presented framed Colton map of Volusia County to outgoing member Mr. Jon Benn and thanked him for his eight years of service to the board.

Vice Chair Epps presented framed Colton map of Volusia County to outgoing member Mr. Jim Yates and thanked him for his six years of service to the board.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION ON MID CENTURY ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY PROJECT

Ms. Scofield introduced Interns Mr. John Dieck from Stetson University and Mr. Luis Garcia of UCF who provided a PowerPoint presentation on their survey project involving inventorying and documenting mid century properties in Volusia County built since 1946. They talked about how they had conducted the survey, what information they collected and what they did with the data. Their presentation provided photographic examples of two of the most popular residential styles of that period including the American Small House and the Ranch Style House. The presentation provided information on the history of how these houses came about and what distinguishing characteristics these house types possess.

Ms. Scofield advised that the information obtained from this survey will be used in making the case to revise Ordinance 2007-21, Chapter 62 which would change the definition of historic structure to one built more than 50 years ago as opposed to one built prior to 1946.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision to Ordinance No. 2007-21, Chapter 62 – See item above

Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study status

No new report. The study is likely to take as much as a year to complete.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers

M. Fincher instructed the board on the provisions of the by-laws regarding election of officers. Chair Yates then opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

Member Clinton nominated Vice Chair Epps for Chair. Nomination seconded by Member Wagner. No additional nominations were heard. Ms. Epps was elected unanimously.

Chair Yates opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Member Epps nominated Member Polk for Vice Chair. Nomination was seconded by Member Wagner. No additional nominations were heard. Mr. Polk was elected unanimously.

Chair Yates opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

Member Epps nominated Member Zacharias for Secretary. Nomination was seconded by Member Wagner. No additional nominations were heard. Mr. Zacharias was elected unanimously.

Upcoming Special Meeting Procedures

Assistant County Attorney and Staff Counsel Ian Williams talked about the upcoming special meeting to consider the request to revoke the historic designation of the Pelham Square Historic District. He advised the members what the considerations were in making a decision of this kind, how the quasi judicial hearing would be conducted and how members should deal with provisions of the Sunshine Law and Ex Parte communications. A minimum of five members must vote in favor of the revocation in order for it to pass. If the board votes to not approve the request, the applicants have the right to appeal the decision to the County Council.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Member Chapin commented that the tour of the DeLand House was excellent and he thanked the WVHS for the great job they did.

Member Epps thanked WVHS and Member Wagner for the books. She again thanked Chair Yates and Member Benn for their service and invited to attend future meetings.

Member Brock thanked the interns and congratulated them on a job well done.

Member Wagner provided information about the book he gave out on the history of the London Symphony Orchestra's relationship with Daytona Beach.

Member Benn thanked everyone for their support and wished the members continued success.

Member Polk reported that he recently judged the Volusia County Schools Social Studies Fair again this year and the number of entries were up substantially and the quality of the exhibits were also better than in past years.

Ms. Scofield introduced Drs. Mearas and Lindsey who are the intern's professors and thanked them for the support of the intern program. She also introduced Ms. Kimberly Reading, a former intern who has just been appointed a member of the HPB and also Mr. Tom Roberts who has just been appointed as well.

Member Yates thanked the members and staff for their support during his term on the board.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Yates adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____