

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

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May 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yates called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:01 p.m., May 27, 2014 in the Frank T. Bruno Jr. County Council Chambers, Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Ave., DeLand.

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:

Upon roll call the following members answered present to wit:

Jon Benn
Oscar Brock
Bill Chapin
Robert Clinton
Nancy Epps
Brian Polk
Jim Yates
James Zacharias

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: John Wagner

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Baylie, Director, Parks, Recreation & Culture Division
Nancy H. Maddox, Activity Manager, Parks, Recreation & Culture Division
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary
Ian Williams, Asst. County Attorney/Staff Counsel

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Kathy Yates, J.T. Schrader, Dick Schuler, John W. Case, Gudren Benson, Debra West,

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - March 25, 2014 Regular Meeting

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the March 25, 2014 regular meeting as presented”* Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

D-14-01: Application by the owner for a Certificate of Designation of the Joseph Underhill House, 227 Lemmon Road, Barberville, Parcel ID#5920-00-00-0062.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report recommending approval of the request for local designation. Debra West spoke for the Pioneer Settlement, owners of the Underhill house.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** “*To approve request D-14-01 for a Certificate of Designation of the Joseph Underhill House, 227 Lemmon Road, Barberville, Parcel ID#5920-00-00-0062.*” Member Brock seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Yates presented representatives in attendance from the Pioneer Settlement with a certificate and plaque recognizing the Joseph Underhill House as a Volusia County designated historic property.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Program at Shoestring Theatre

Ms. Scofield advised that she is still attempting to get a program date set between the theatre’s schedule and the program participants. In all likelihood, it will now be scheduled for the fall. She will keep the board apprised of the situation.

Local Designation of Cassadaga NR Historic District

Ms. Scofield advised that she continues to meet with residents to establish the boundary for the requested district and help them prepare their application. The next public meeting with members of the community is scheduled for June 24th at 2:00 p.m. in the Lake Helen City Hall. If the majority of property owners concur, a hearing will set for the next Historic Preservation Board meeting on July 22 in County Council Chambers. Affected property owners will be notified of the scheduled meeting by certified mail.

Revision to Ordinance No. 2007-21, Chapter 62

Mr. Baylie advised that the request to change the governing ordinance redefining the legal criteria for historic designation as a building or structure older than fifty years as opposed to specifying a specific “built prior to” date is being reviewed by County legal staff. If they recommend approval it will then be placed on the County Council agenda for consideration. If approved, the ordinance will be revised accordingly. Ms. Scofield to report status of their review at the next meeting.

Status of Spaceport Florida

No new information. Environmental study is expected to take at least a year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Scofield announced that FPAN will be holding their CRPT conference in Gainesville on June 3-4 and that she will be giving a presentation on Volusia County’s cemetery survey and documentation project.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Member Benn recommended an upcoming performance of “Volusia Lowdown” at the Athens Theatre in DeLand on May 31 and June 1. It is based on the darker side of Volusia County history.

Member Polk asked about the status of the cemetery survey. Ms. Scofield provided an update.

Member Epps asked about some sort of recognition for individuals or organizations that care for historic cemeteries and asked staff to look into establishing some type of process or program to do this.

Member Zacharias reported that he is assisting Oak Hill in setting up an exhibit in the Oak Hill VIA center.

Member Chapin thanked Ms. Scofield and congratulated her on the excellent job she did on the staff report for the Underhill House designation.

Chair Yates discussed the roof work underway at DeBary Hall

Mr. Fincher announced that the next meeting would be July 22, 2014 and will probably be held in Council Chambers due to the likelihood that a Public Hearing for Cassadaga designation will be required.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Yates adjourned the meeting at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____