

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



February 3, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yates called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:00 p.m., February 3, 2015 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
Robert Clinton
Nancy Epps
Brian Polk
John Wagner
Jim Yates
James Zacharias

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mr. Chapin, Mr. Brock

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Kathy Yates, Debra West, Jerry Mills, Carl Hopf, Jr., Albert Pell, Lee Giddens

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - July 22, 2014 regular meeting, Sep. 3, 2014 special meeting and September 23, 2014 regular meeting

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the July 2, 2014 regular meeting as presented.”* Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Polk made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the September 3, 2014 special meeting as presented.”* Member Benn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014 regular meeting as presented.”* Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A-15-01: Application by the owner for Certificate of Appropriateness for Partial Demolition and Alteration of the Joseph Underhill House, located at 227 Lemmon Road, Barberville, Parcel ID# 5920-00-00-0062

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report describing the work necessary to make the needed structural repairs and advised that the work falls within FBC 2012 requirements of Level III alterations, per the existing building code, Chapter 4, Section 408, Historic Buildings, and Chapter 11. She introduced the Architect, Jerry Mills, who gave an overview of how the work would be done and answered questions from several members. Debra West, Executive Director of the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts spoke in support of the request. Staff recommended approval based on criteria outlined in the Volusia County Historic Preservation Ordinance (Sections 62-108 and 62-109.)

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** *“To approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Partial Demolition and Alteration of the Joseph Underhill House (A-15-01)”* Member Epps seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D-15-01: Application by the descendants for Certificate of Designation for the Osteen War Memorial, located on the portion of parcel # 9207-00-00-0120 between SR 415 and New Smyrna Blvd. , Osteen on New Smyrna Blvd.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report describing the monument and identifying potential threats to the structure. She also provided detail of its historical significance. Several citizens from the Osteen area; Mr. Albert Pell, Mr. Carl Hopf, Jr. and Mr. Lee Giddens spoke in support of the designation and expressed concerns for its potential from damage from vehicles on the newly widened S.R. 415. Staff recommended approval of designation citing the memorial’s architectural and historical significance.

Member Polk made a **MOTION** *“To approve the request for a Certificate of Designation for the Osteen War Memorial (D-15-01)”* Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Several board members expressed concern about the potential for damage and asked whose responsibility it is to attempt to mitigate potential damage. Ms. Scofield reported that this would likely fall under Volusia County Parks, Recreation and Culture’s area.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To direct staff to develop a plan to protect the memorial from potential vehicular damage and present recommendation to the proper County staff for consideration.”* Member Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

D-15-02: Application for Certificate of Designation for the Rio Vista Arch located on Calle Grande Street, one block from U.S. Highway 1 near Holly Hill.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report identifying the architectural and historic significance of the structure. She also reported on the condition of the structure and advised that, in addition to being minimally maintained and vandalized, the structure was struck by a vehicle in 2014 seriously damaging a corner of the arch. Work was done to temporarily stabilize the structure but the column needs to be repaired and returned to its pre-collision condition.

Staff recommended approval of designation citing the structure’s architectural and historical significance.

Member Clinton made a **MOTION** “*To approve the request for a Certificate of Designation for a Rio Vista Arch (D-15-02)*” Member Epps seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revision to Ordinance No. 2007-21, Chapter 62

Ms. Scofield advised that we currently have two interns working on inventorying and documenting mid century properties within the unincorporated areas of the County. It is estimated that there are more than ten thousand such properties that could potentially fall under review of the Historic Preservation Board if the ordinance were to be revised to a fifty year criteria rather than a defined date. The interns will provide a presentation and report on their progress at the next meeting in March.

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:

Most Endangered Historic Properties List

Ms. Scofield reviewed the current list including the properties added since the last time the list was submitted. The board reviewed each property and discussed whether or not it should remain on the list. Two properties, the Underhill House and the Cassadaga Spiritualist Camp were removed as it was felt that recent actions have reduced their imminent risk of danger. Two properties were recommended to be added to the list; the Mayor Armstrong House in Daytona Beach and the African American cemetery in Glenwood,

Member Epps made a **MOTION** “*To approve the Most Endangered Historic Properties List as amended.*” Member Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Goals for 2015

The general board goals as approved in 2014 were distributed for review by the members. Ms. Scofield provided a review of the activities for the past fiscal year and shared. She recommended that providing recognition signage for designated sites and districts be added to the goals. Further she recommended adding assisting Ponce de Leon State Park with National Register designation.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** “*To approve the 2014 goals as amended for 2015.*” Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield announced that Volusia County will host the FPAN’s state wide CRPT conference in 2015. More details will be announced at the March meeting.

Member Zacharias reminded everyone of the opening of the Brown Museum at MOAS this weekend.

Member Epps reported that she had recently visited Blue Springs State Park and that the Thursby House there was badly in need of attention. Member Polk advised that he was working with the Park Manager there on helping with some needed repairs and maintenance.

Member Benn reminded everyone of the upcoming cemetery walk presented by the West Volusia Historical Society.

Member Polk also recommended a new book; “A Concise History of Florida.” He also reported on the recent historic windows workshop.

Member Clinton announced that the Oak Hill Community Trust has taken responsibility for maintaining the “Saints & Sinners” cemeteries in Oak Hill.

M. Fincher advised that the next meeting is scheduled for March 24 at a location to be determined.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Yates adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____