

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

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July 22, 2014

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Yates called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:04 p.m., July 22, 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
John Wagner
Jim Yates
James Zacharias

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: None

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, Jodie Bellis, Judy Cooper, Marla Chirnside, Nick Sourant, Pat Fordham, Kent Donahue, Richard Russell, Rob Carpenter, Denny Groseclose, Diane Schmidt, Linda Carroll, Ray Carroll

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - May 27, 2014 Regular Meeting

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014 regular meeting as presented.”* Member Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

D-14-02 Application for the Designation of the Cassadaga Historic District, boundaries generally take in properties south of Cassadaga Road, properties on and north of Lake Street, east of Old Enterprise Road and properties facing and west of Marion Street, Cassadaga, Florida.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report describing the proposed district. She provided a PowerPoint presentation which detailed how the request conforms to the designation guidelines and recommended approval of the request. One resident asked how this designation would benefit the community more than National Register status. Ms. Scofield explained the difference between the two designations.

Four residents and/or property owners within the proposed district spoke in support of the designation. There were no speakers in opposition and Ms. Scofield advised that she had not received any objections by mail from any residents in the designated area.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To approve the request for designation of the Cassadaga Historic as presented.”* Member Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Program at Shoestring Theatre

Ms. Scofield advised that this program is on hold for the time being. Staff has not been able to work out a schedule with the theatre and Ms. Alzeda Fowler, former teacher at the school there. Ms. Scofield has some alternative ideas for programs in conjunction with the West Volusia Historical Society which she will discuss in more detail at a future meeting.

Revision to Ordinance No. 2007-21, Chapter 62

Ms. Scofield advised that the County legal department has requested a survey of affected buildings be completed before this revision can be considered. This is a large project and staff does not have sufficient time available to take this on at this time. This will be revisited in 2015.

NEW BUSINESS:

Request to add Port Orange Train Depot to the Most Endangered Properties List

Chair Yates recognized Kent Donahue, Public Information Director for the City of Port Orange and a member of the Port Orange Historical Trust. Mr. Donahue provided a history of the depot and future plans for the building.

Member Epps made a **MOTION** *“To add the Port Orange Train Depot to the Most Endangered Historic Properties List.”* Member Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

M. Fincher advised that the next meeting is scheduled for September 23 at the location on the east side.

Ms. Scofield announced that the Underhill House received a recommendation for approval from the ECHO Advisory Committee for their emergency stabilization grant request.

Ms. Scofield announced that Volusia County will host the FPAN's state wide CRPT conference in 2015.

Member Wagner reported on an article in the Hometown News about the Massfeller family purchasing the Nathan Cobb cottage in Ormond Beach in order to preserve it. He also provided an update on the Lilian Place/Hotchkiss house status.

Member Zacharias spoke to the value of a local preservation ordinance in protecting a community's integrity based on his experience when he lived in Lake Helen. He also announced the new planetarium at MOAS would open the third week of office.

Member Epps reported that Space X has chosen Texas for their new launch site but that there is still a strong push to develop the area around Shiloh as a launch facility in the future. Concerned citizens need to stay on top of this effort.

Member Polk inquired about the impact that relocation has to local or N.R. designation. He also said we need to continue to push for the change to the Ordinance 2007-21, Chapter 62. He suggested that perhaps historical significance in addition to age should be used as criteria.

Member Polk also provided some information about the history of concrete billboards in Florida.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Yates adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____