

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



March 27, 2018

LOCATION:

Atlantic Center for the Arts, New Smyrna Beach

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Polk, Chair, called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock (late arrival)

Nancy Epps

Ronald Howell

Jared Mitchell, Secretary

Brian Polk, Chair

Kimberly Reading

Tom Roberts, Vice Chair

Gina Steger

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Bonda Garrison

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Dorothy Moore, Sarah Bennett (both Southeast Volusia Historical Society), Zachary Ewing (PRC intern from Stetson University)

WELCOME:

Mr. Polk welcomed members and guests, and thanked the Atlantic Center for the Arts for hosting the meeting. Mr. Polk thanked Julie Scofield and Dot Moore for their tour of the Blanchette property.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **MOTION** by Ms. Epps, 2nd by Mr. Roberts *“To approve the minutes of the January 23, 2018 regular meeting as presented.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Historic Properties Workshop—The workshop was held January 31 at the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville. A workshop evaluation form summary was provided to the Board for review. The evaluation included feedback that can be used when planning for future events. Networking opportunities were seen as a positive of this type event.

Ronald Howell Introduction—Mr. Polk asked new member Ron Howell to give a brief introduction about himself to the Board.

2018 Goals—Ms. Scofield provided the Board with a listing of past achievements from 2005 through 2017. The Board budget has declined from approximately \$15,000 to around \$10,000. For the May meeting Ms. Scofield is suggesting coming up with new initiatives and taking a hard look at what the Board wishes to continue from prior goals. With May being Preservation Month that is an appropriate time to have those discussions.

Mr. Polk asked Ms. Scofield to send an email with some of her goal ideas. He also asked that she send a reminder email to the Board approximately two weeks before the meeting to remind them to be thinking of the goals listing.

Ms. Scofield provided a brief discussion on two ideas:

- 1) Digitizing school board meeting minutes
- 2) Building a ramp to the Spruce Creek Mound

NEW BUSINESS:

Mid-Century Public Schools Project

Ms. Scofield introduced Zachary Ewing, a junior from Stetson University, who is interning with the Parks, Recreation, and Culture department and working on this project.

Schools being examined in this project were built from 1945-1968/9. Twenty three schools were identified in the time frame and Mr. Ewing is currently concentrating on schools in west Volusia County. Information, especially period photos, is proving difficult to find. Two interviews have been conducted. Contact has been initiated with schools asking for permission to take modern photos.

The ultimate goal of the project is submission to the Florida Master Site File. National Register designation for any specific school is unlikely.

Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Project

Ms. Scofield provided a handout of a recent Historic Preservation Property Tax Exemption Application for the Jordan residence in DeLand; 426 N. Stone St. This application is used for properties on the NR or locally designated that are restored using Sec. of Interiors guidelines. Owners are able to defer valuation increases from restoration for ten years.

Mr. Polk asked for a motion to request County to grant HPSTE for property at 426 N. Stone St.:

Motion: Ms. Epps

Second: Mr. Mitchell

Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

- Ms. Scofield reminded the Board about the upcoming Certified Local Government training coming up in St. Augustine on April 26.
- Ms. Scofield has been contacted about potentially removing the Armstrong House from the “Most Endangered Properties” listing. The property has been purchased by a church and is going to be used for interim housing.
- Ms. Scofield noted that the Eliot Plantation National Register nomination through the NPS is through the first draft. She also noted that Clay Henderson is working with Canaveral National Seashore on a National Register nomination for the Doris Leeper House.
- Mr. Howell commented on the importance of securing the Blanchette property. Ms. Scofield reminded the Board about the fact that the property is not promoted because it is not open to the public. This is done from a safety aspect and to preserve archaeological features.
- Ms. Epps brought news that the Pacetti House in Ponce Inlet will most likely not be able to be further maintained due to unreported hurricane damage in 2016 and 2017.
- Ms. Reading stated she enjoyed the Historic Properties Workshop. She then let the Board know that several Volusia County cities granted women the right to vote in 1918, two years ahead of national suffrage.

- Ms. Steger let the Board know about the City of New Smyrna Beach Coastal Community Resiliency monthly workshops.
- Mr. Polk encouraged Board members to wear their name tag to official events.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Mr. Polk asked for a call to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

- **MOTION** by Ms. Reading, 2nd by Ms. Epps ***“To adjourn the meeting.”*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary, on May 22, 2018.

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____