

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



**March 28, 2017**

**LOCATION:**

Old South Ridgewood Elementary School/747 Office Suites, 747 S. Ridgewood Drive, Daytona Beach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Epps called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:33 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock

Bill Chapin

Nancy Epps

Brian Polk

Kimberly Reading

Robert Redd

L. Tom Roberts

Zach Zacharias

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer

Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manger

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Robert Clinton

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Paul Holmes, Owner of the 747 Office Suites

Ron Howell, Ormond Beach Historical Society

Bill Partington, Historic Ormond Yacht Club

Bonda Garrison, newly appointed HPB member

Jared Mitchell, newly appointed HPB member

**WELCOME:**

Ms. Epps welcomed guests to today's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **MOTION** by Mr. Polk, 2nd by Mr. Roberts *"To approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously."*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spaceport Florida Environmental Impact Study Status** — Ms. Scofield reported that the study is still in progress.

**Historic Property Maintenance Workshop**—Ms. Scofield stated that she is coordinating dates and venues. Mr. Polk suggested deferring the workshop until the fall.

**State Historic Marker Program** – Ms. Scofield thanked everyone who attended the marker unveiling ceremonies at the Malloy and Coleman schools. She noted the adjacent African American Festival going on, and a fresh coat of paint at the Coleman School. She recognized Ms. Reading and the team from the Orange City VIA for their work on the landscaping. A banner produced and hung on the building featured a historical photograph of school children, and many in the photo were in attendance. Representative Patrick Henry made wonderful remarks, and the County Council members present were very complimentary of the event. There is video footage included in a recent Volusia Magazine

episode. At the Malloy School, Reggie Williams sang the school song. She noted that there is discussion about DeLeon Springs Civic Association's interest in using the building and possibly helping Head Start with some of the future maintenance needs.

**Most Endangered List Update** – Ms. Scofield reported that developer Tony Collins is looking to purchase the Putnam Hotel, one of the structures on the list. It is a contributing property in the historic district and is eligible for federal tax credits. In addition, the project is large enough for the County tax abatement program, which would freeze the property tax rate at the time of the project initiation, and any incremental increase in the property tax rate at the time of completion would be deferred for ten years. The City has a corresponding ordinance, but because it has excluded properties in its CRA district, the County legally cannot give the abatement break if the City can't. She is hoping that Collins can obtain a waiver from the City in order to use both incentives. His plan is to renovate the building for apartments, offices and possibly a future home for the DeLand Museum of Art.

**2017 Meeting Locations/Dates** – Ms. Smith highlighted the updated 2017 meeting locations calendar.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Preservation Month Certificate of Appreciation** – Ms. Scofield reported that May is Historic Preservation Month, and asked for suggestions for individuals to be recognized with certificates at the May meeting. She put forward David Truillo for his work at Gethsemane Cemetery, Evelyn Clickard and the Peacock Chapter of the US Daughters of the War of 1812 for their efforts with the Nathan Hale marker at Purdom Cemetery, members of the Orange City VIA for their assistance with the Coleman School marker and landscaping, and the West Volusia Historical Society for the Lake Helen/Cassadaga Tour. Ms. Epps also noted that she would like to send a letter of appreciation to the cemetery volunteers.

**Nathan Hall War of 1812 Marker Dedication** – Ms. Scofield announced that the Nathan Hall Marker Dedication would be on Saturday at 1:00 p.m. at Purdom Cemetery in Pierson.

**Attendance note:** Ms. Reading has arrived.

### **MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

- Ms. Smith announced that the new historical postcards exhibit has been installed at the Ocean Center ECHO Gallery and thanked Mr. Roberts for his participation in contributing images for the display.
- Mr. Polk reported that DeLeon Springs State Park has revised its history book, and that its National Register application was in progress.
- Mr. Brock shared maps and documents regarding historic objects in the area for continued discussion about future preservation consideration.
- Mr. Zacharias noted he will be attending the CLG training in Coral Gables in April, and that MOAS would be breaking ground on the new lobby soon.
- Mr. Roberts mentioned he will be attending the CLG training in Tampa. Ms. Scofield added that there will be another CLG training opportunity in Gainesville.
- Ms. Reading shared information about an upcoming Smithsonian Institute exhibit coming soon to Enterprise Preservation Center. She also thanked the board for its support of the Coleman School marker and dedication ceremony.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Ms. Epps welcomed two newly appointed board members present today as guests, Bonda Garrison and Jared Mitchell, and noted that there was still one board appointment still pending. Ms. Garrison and Mr. Mitchell introduced themselves. Guests Mr. Howell and Mr. Partington also gave some background about themselves.

Ms. Epps thanked Mr. Paul Holmes, owner of the 747 Office Suites for hosting the meeting today, and welcomed members and guests to stay for a tour with Mr. Holmes to follow.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Ms. Epps adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m. with a tour of the building to follow.

Respectfully submitted by Jessi Jackson Smith  
Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
May 23, 2017

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_