

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

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May 23, 2017

LOCATION:

DeBary Hall Barn, 198 Sunrise Blvd, DeBary

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Epps called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock

Nancy Epps

Bonda Garrison

Jared Mitchell

Brian Polk

Kimberly Reading

Robert Redd

Tom Roberts

Gina Steger

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer

Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manger

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Deborah McShane, WV Historical Society

Joan LaFleur, Orange City VIA Women's Club

Dot Moore, SE Volusia Historical Society

Allan and Bonnie Moore

Teri Hanans, VC Medical Examiner's Office

Debra West, Pioneer Settlement

Christopher Jacobs

Taz and Bobbie Witt, DeLeon Springs Comm. Asso.

Evelyn Clickard, Daughters of 1812

Priscilla Ballasy, Orange City VIA Women's Club

Melyssa C., Bethune Beach Homeowners Asso.

Amy Munizzi, DeLeon Springs Comm. Asso.

Jerry Mills, Architect

Rita Gillis, WV Historical Society

Catherine Carr

Walter Welch

WELCOME:

Ms. Epps welcomed guests to today's meeting honoring our wonderful community volunteers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **MOTION** by Mr. Polk, 2nd by Mr. Redd ***"To approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 regular meeting as presented."*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

State Historic Marker Program – Ms. Scofield reported that the new Bethune Beach marker was recently unveiled and dedicated, and the event was highlighted by the attendance of some of Mary McCleod Bethune's grandchildren. In addition, the Domingo Reyes marker application has been approved, and a grant has been submitted to defray costs. The County has pledged in-kind assistance to the homeowner's association in pursuing the grant.

Most Endangered List Update – There has been much positive publicity about the progress of the Putnam Hotel project and a possible amendment to the City of DeLand's ordinance for tax abatement for historic properties. There will be a follow-up discussion toward a decision at the DeLand City Council meeting on June 4, which is looking favorable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Preservation Month Presentations – The board and staff presented certificates of appreciation to the following:

- Volusia County Medical Examiner’s Office and Kim Reading – Lincoln Cemetery Cleanup
- Evelyn Clickard and Peacock Chapter of the Daughters of 1812 - Marking and dedicating War of 1812 veteran Nathan Hall’s resting place in Purdom Cemetery
- Walter Welch, Catherine Carr – Glenwood African American Cemetery Research and Ongoing Maintenance
- Troop 407 and Eagle Scout David Trulio – Gethsemane African American Cemetery Cleanup and Mapping
- West Volusia Historical Society members Rita Gillis, Donna Toner and Deborah McShane – Guided bus tours of Cassadaga National Register Historic District
- Kim Reading, Priscilla Ballasy and the Orange City VIA Woman’s Club – Assistance with the State Historical Marker at the Orange City Colored School
- DeLeon Springs Civic Association and West Volusia Historical Society – Assistance with the State Historical Marker at the DeLeon Springs Colored School
- Christopher Jacobs – Work on the Domingo Reyes Grant State Historic Marker
- Bethune Beach Property Owners Association – Securing the Bethune Beach State Historical Marker
- Dorothy Moore and Roger Grange – Assisting with archaeological monitoring in Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve
- Bethel AME Congregation and Jerry Mills – Church restoration project
- Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts – Stabilization of the Joseph Underhill House

This Place Matters Campaign – Ms. Scofield thanked everyone who has participated in this Historic Preservation Month social media promotional program that highlights historic sites throughout the region. She invited guests to stay for a group picture after the meeting.

Election of Officers:

- **NOMINATION** by Mr. Redd, 2nd by Mr. Brock *“To elect Brian Polk as Chair.” Mr. Polk accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **NOMINATION** by Mr. Polk, 2nd by Ms. Reading *“To elect Tom Roberts as Vice-Chair.” Mr. Roberts accepted the nomination. Motion passed unanimously.*
- **NOMINATION** by Mr. Mitchell (volunteering himself), 2nd by Ms. Steger *“To elect Jared Mitchell as Secretary.” Motion passed unanimously.*

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

- Ms. Scofield noted that the Pioneer Settlement has requested a letter of support to submit with their state grant applications. In addition, the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) has requested a letter of support for their Tidally United/Monitoring grant application. This week FPAN is having an open house at their Sanford office and will showcase a projectile point 3D printing project. The CRYPT cemetery conference still has openings for next weekend in St. Augustine.
- Several board members again thanked the volunteers for their service in the community and for being here today.
- Mr. Redd thanked Dot Moore for her assistance and support at the New Smyrna Museum of History. He also noted a recent feature in the News-Journal about the Watch and Warn Monument in Coronado Beach. He also noted that Mary Fears’ husband has passed away.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Epps thanked DeBary Hall for hosting the meeting today. There being no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessi Jackson Smith
Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary
July 25, 2017

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____