

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

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**July 25, 2017**

**LOCATION:**

Museum of Arts and Sciences, Daytona Beach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

After a tour of the MOAS West Wing, Chair Polk called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:31 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock

Nancy Epps

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bonda Garrison

Jared Mitchell

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Jim and Kathy Yates

**WELCOME:**

Mr. Polk welcomed guests to today's meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **MOTION** by Ms. Reading, 2nd by Ms. Epps ***"To approve the minutes of the May 23, 2017 regular meeting as presented."*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Most Endangered Historic Properties Update** – Ms. Scofield reported that after several meetings the City of Deland voted to work with the developer of the Putnam Hotel, approving financial assistance. The developer has had some financing issues but wants to continue to pursue the project. Ms. Epps has written a letter of support for this type of activity. Secondly, the non-profit responsible for the restoration of the Dutton House has become essentially defunct. The group thought it had a potential buyer for the property with hope that it could be used for offices, but it has fallen through. If sold, the group would like to repay its ECHO grant.

**Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study Status** – Ms. Scofield noted that there is no FAA update. The National Park Service has secured funding and has been working diligently on testing and a final report, and National Register designation for the Elliott Plantation.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Blanchette Site** – Ms. Scofield shared a handout highlighting the history and vision of this County-owned property. Considered uses for the property have been to manage the site as a cultural site and visitor center, archaeological park and field school. She noted the County's efforts including obtaining state grant assistance

for archaeological testing, research and identification activities. Through many challenges, the County has made efforts for ongoing protection, security and maintenance. The neighbors have been outspoken about the condition of the site. The main house has potential and staff has not recommended demolition in hope that there might be future opportunity, although nothing is currently budgeted. The buildings are not on the National Register and would not be competitive for state grants. The archaeological sites are on the National Register and remain the primary focus of the site. There are growing concerns about sea level rise given the proximity between two water bodies and additional historical sites in the vicinity. Mr. Roberts noted that a forthcoming PD&E study for a trail could be a way to document archaeological house sites along the US 1 right of way, and that SEARCH will be part of the team. Ms. Scofield suggested we could have a meeting in New Smyrna and visit the site in March for Archaeology Month.

**MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

- Mr. Brock would like to gain permission to access Burwin Park in DeLeon Springs to photograph and sketch the columns and iron gate. Mr. Polk might have a map. Ms. Scofield and Mr. Polk will look into what would be necessary to stabilize the columns on the County right of way.
- Mr. Redd noted that Dr. Roger Grange has published his autobiography, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Dig," which is available on Amazon.
- Ms. Epps inquired about the status of the DeLeon Springs pancake house concession license. Mr. Polk noted that there has been no response about the renewal as of yet.
- Mr. Polk had several books to give to anyone interested.
- Ms. Scofield shared the National Park Service 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate, and noted at the 2017 CRYPT Conference that Walter Welch received the Golden D2 Volunteer Award. He is pleased to share his five gallons of D2. Ms. Reading also attended the conference and shared some of her take-aways from the presentations, including a new 3D image app and growth of the Heritage Scout Monitoring Program.
- Mr. Polk welcomed the Yates in the audience.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Polk again thanked MOAS for hosting the meeting today. There being no further business, he asked for a call to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

- **MOTION** by Ms. Epps, 2nd by Mr. Redd ***"To adjourn the meeting."*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Jessi Jackson Smith  
Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
September 26, 2017

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