

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



**September 25, 2018**

**LOCATION:**

Conrad Education & Research Center 137 W. Michigan Ave. DeLand

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Polk, Chair, called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock  
Nancy Epps  
Bonda Garrison  
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  
Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manager

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Walter Welch, Frank Johnson

**WELCOME:** Mr. Polk welcomed Board members and visitors and thanked WVHS members for providing the meeting location on short notice. Roll call was taken.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **MOTION** by Mr. Howell, 2nd by Mr. Mitchell ***"To approve the minutes of the July 24, 2018 regular meeting as presented."*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study Status**—Ms. Scofield updated that to the best of her knowledge the EIS has not been initiated. A National Register nomination is being worked upon. There may be future pressures on this property based upon election outcomes.

**Burwyn Park Subdivision Gates**—Mr. Brock would like to clear vegetation and create drawings. Ms. Scofield stated that local designation is possible with owner approval.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Cemetery Volunteer Update**—Ms. Scofield introduced Walter Welch, a private citizen who helps maintain and restore headstones at cemeteries. 2017 results—11 cemeteries, 184 headstones cleaned. He provided

background on how he does his work: permissions, checking the landscape (snakes, tortoise holes, etc.), and the process for cleaning headstones. Mr. Welch uses the same products used by United States owned/operated cemeteries. He told Board members about successes he has had while doing this work. He is currently working in Charnel Cemetery in DeLand.

**Endangered Properties Update**—Ms. Scofield reported on the fire at the Hotel Putnam and that it is considered to be arson. Preservation efforts will now be even more difficult. The Stockton-Lindquist House, located near Earl Brown Park, is vacant. She will be following up to find more information.

**British Colonial Site Update**—Elliot Plantation, also known as Shiloh site, in SE Volusia County is from the same period as the Turnbull sites around NSB. A sugar mill and a Confederate salt works were known to be on property. It was originally thought to be only the salt works until professional archaeology work found British artifacts and a tabby floor. Dan Schafer discovered maps and shipping manifests helping to verify the British were in that location. The property site is kept secret to avoid unauthorized digging.

**Suggestions for 2019 meetings**—A listing of prior meetings was provided to HPB members for review. Ms. Scofield suggested Athens Theatre for the May meeting. She also suggested the Seville School. Ms. Garrison suggested New Bethel AME Church in Ormond Beach and Holly Hill City Hall. Mr. Polk suggested Tomoka State Park. Staff will begin researching and booking meeting locations.

**CLG Training Host Opportunity**—A host for Certified Local Government training is being requested. This is a multi-day event and would require significant coordination. Ms. Garrison suggested the Anderson-Price building. Mr. Polk called for a motion that the HPB pursue hosting the CLG training.

- **Motion** by Ms. Reading, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Epps ***“To Pursue to opportunity to host the Certified Local Government training to be held in Central Florida.”*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

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

- Mr. Brock asked about the canoe that was formerly at the Hotel Putnam. Mr. Roberts reported it has been donated to Stetson University. The final display location decision has not been made.
- Mr. Redd reported on the status of the marker for the Historic Courthouse. Ms. Scofield hopes to have an unveiling during a County Council meeting.
- Mr. Howell reported on his progress on cemetery organization work. He discussed the French Cemetery in Ormond Beach. He shared information on recent News Journal articles on City of Vera Cruz shipwreck. Mr. Polk invited Mr. Howell to discuss his cemetery research at the November meeting.
- Ms. Epps shared an old Daytona Beach postcard found in Colorado.
- Ms. Reading shared on Orange City water truck postcard. The state will be placing a marker along 17-92 in Orange City to Amos Atchley. Atchley promoted the widening of 17-92.
- Mr. Roberts promoted the WVHS cemetery walk on October 26 and 27.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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

- **MOTION** by Mr. Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ms. Epps ***“To adjourn the meeting.”*** **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by Robert Redd, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary, on November 27, 2018.

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