

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



September 26, 2017

LOCATION:

Elizabeth Hall, Stetson University, DeLand

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Polk called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:35 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 Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Dr. Mayhill Fowler, Stetson University

WELCOME:

Mr. Polk thanked Dr. Fowler for hosting today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **MOTION** by Mr. Roberts, 2nd by Ms. Epps *"To approve the minutes of the July 25, 2017 regular meeting as presented."* **Motion passed unanimously.**

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Most Endangered Historic Properties Update – Ms. Scofield reminded the board that it would review the most endangered properties list in November with consideration for any sites that might need to be removed or added.

Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study Status – Ms. Scofield had no updates at this time.

Historic Preservation Workshop – Ms. Scofield suggested that given recent hurricane activity, disaster planning might be a timely topic for the workshop. She has identified two possible dates that work for the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville: January 18th or 31st, and the 31st seemed best for the group. The workshop targets non-profits and local governments that manage historic properties, with a flexible cap of 25 attendees. Julie is working to line up an agenda, speakers and hands-on components. The workshop will be a joint partnership with the West Volusia Historical Society preservation interest group.

NEW BUSINESS:

2018 Meeting Locations – Ms. Smith presented the proposed regular meeting dates for the 2018 year. March will be at Atlantic Center with a tour of the Blanchette site. May is Preservation Month and the meeting location should accommodate the awards presentation. She also shared a 4-year overview of past meeting locations, and requested suggested for desired meeting locations for 2018. Some suggestions were: the Anderson-Price building or Pilgrim's Rest Primitive Baptist Church in Ormond Beach, with a possible tour of

Three Chimneys or the new Ormond Walking Tour APP; Ponce Inlet Lighthouse (Ms. Smith noted that the Lighthouse could not accommodate the group); the Head Start school in DeLeon Springs; the Shoestring Theatre/Lake Helen School in Lake Helen – possibly for the Preservation Month awards; the Orange City Library; the Women’s Club in downtown New Smyrna Beach; the New Smyrna Beach Chamber of Commerce (not sure that the upstairs room is handicap accessible).

Stetson University Public History Program – Dr. Mayhill Fowler gave an overview of the Public History Concentration at Stetson University. Now in its third year, it emphasizes the value of local history and making change happen at the local level. There is some desire to grow the program in an interdisciplinary fashion to include learning experiences such as collections care in cooperation with the Hand Art Center. The program also highlights career opportunities in public history and related fields. There have been about 12 graduates of the program so far.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

- Ms. Scofield reported that local historic sites seemed to fair well through Hurricane Irma. One that was impacted is the Wharf. This Turnbull/British Colonial period archaeological site on the National Register in New Smyrna Beach experienced some damage due to a pontoon boat that ran ashore over top of it, and a dock that collapsed. They are trying to determine who is responsible and how to retrieve the boat and the dock without further damage, and how to further protect the site. The Lighthouse Maritime Archaeology Program in St. Augustine has much experience and might be a resource. The 3rd Avenue Shipwreck, a State site in the County, appears to have remained intact through the storm, as well as the sugar mill sites.
- Ms. Epps asked for an update on the Putnam Hotel; Ms. Scofield has not heard anything new, and that the developer appears be working to obtain financial support and has had some assistance from the City.
- Mr. Brock asked if Ms. Scofield could contact the owners at the Burwin Park west entry gates to request permission to access the site. Nearby planters that marked the house lots were noted as possible objects that could also be designated.
- Mr. Roberts mentioned that the West Volusia Historical Society would be hosting a cemetery walk on Oct. 27 and 28.
- Ms. Garrison mentioned a Florida Humanities Council lecture series in Ormond, and also noted that the Ormond Beach Historical Society was in discussion with the City of Ormond Beach to address continuing deterioration of the Stout-MacDonald House exterior. The City voted to budget \$225,000 to secure the envelope of the building, and the Historical Society will raise funds to renovate the interior and exhibits.
- Mr. Redd alerted the board that Dr. Roger Grange recently passed away. This is a great blow to our community and to colonial period archaeology and research in Florida. He also mentioned that the 250th anniversary celebration for New Smyrna Beach would begin next month. There will be a City preservation planning meeting tomorrow evening regarding a possible west side historic district designation.
- Ms. Reading reported that the Orange City Library will hold its 100 year celebration in 2018. She also noted that the 1876 Heritage Inn has a sale pending. The Dickinson home was damaged by fire in February with no permit having been requested as yet.
- Mr. Polk noted that November is Native American Heritage Month and there would be programs at several state parks. He will be speaking about a 6,000 year old canoe at a Lemonade Lecture at DeBary Hall on October 7th.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Polk again thanked Dr. Fowler for hosting the meeting today. There being no further business, he asked for a call to adjourn the meeting, which would be followed by a brief tour of the campus historic district with Dr. Fowler for those able to stay.

➤ **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, on November 28, 2017.

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____