

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



**January 26, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Epps called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:02 p.m., January 29, 2016 in the Wilbur by the Sea Boathouse.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon roll call the following members answered present to wit:

Oscar Brock  
Bill Chapin  
Robert Clinton  
Nancy Epps  
~~Brian Polk~~  
Kimberly Reading  
Tom Roberts  
John Wagner  
Zach Zacharias

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** Brian Polk

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer  
Jill Marcum, acting Recording Secretary

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Jim Yates & Wife

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - July 21, 2015 regular meeting

**MOTION** by Mr. Bill Chapin, 2nd by Mr. Zach Zacharias *“To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** -- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Update re: work on the Rio Vista Arches —Staff reported that the work had begun on the repair of the damaged arch and was expected to be completed within 6 weeks. Mr. John Wagner stated that he has been to the site and that the work was for structural damage caused by a vehicular accident, he asked if any further work would be done. Ms. Julie Scofield explained

to the Board that the repairs were being funded by the insurance money collect for the accident and that the only repairs would be to the damage caused by the accident. Ms. Scofield reported that there were a few organizations that might be willing to take ownership of the Arches and that if so that organization would be eligible for an ECHO grant. She further explained that the County has detailed plans already drawn up and would be willing to give them to anyone willing to take responsibility.

- B. Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study status update: Nothing to report
- C. Update re: The Glenwood Cemetery Girl Scout Project. Ms. Scofield reported that the project had been a huge success and provided photographs to the Board members. She stated that they were still hoping to find someone willing to fence the site. To date they have found approximately 50 graves. Mr. Walter Welch, a professional genealogist has given the West Volusia Historical Society and the County information on the genealogy of several buried in the cemetery.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Most Endangered List Updates: Mr. Brian Polk wants to nominate the Strawn Sawmill to be placed on the Endangered List.

**MOTION** by Mr. Zacaharias seconded by Mr. Tom Roberts “*To add the Strawn Sawmill to the Most Endangered Properties List.*” **The MOTION passed unanimously.**

Ms. Scofield told the Board that the Bethel AME Church could be taken off the list, as it had received an ECHO grant and was currently under construction. Mr. Wagner spoke about the S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library, he explained that it had been donated to the City of Daytona Beach with the stipulation that it would be used as a Library. Mr. Wagner said he intended to go to the City Council regarding the situation. Mr. Wagner also spoke of the Mayer-Armstrong house. He reported to the Board that the house had been vandalized and was being used by the homeless. Mr. Wagner asked that they keep the Mayer-Armstrong House on the Endangered List so that it would be focused on by the City. Ms. Kimberly Reading reported that the Orange City 1876 Heritage Inn has been put on the market by the current owner. The owner offered the building to the City but the City Manager declined.

### B. 2016 Goals:

- a. Mr. Polk suggested that they provide a Historic Preservation Class at the Pioneer Settlement that provides information to people who maintain historic structures. He suggested that the class could teach how to identify needs, tips and treatments, addressing problems, etc.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wagner seconded by Ms. Reading “*To accept Mr. Polk’s suggestion to provide a Historic Preservation Class.*” **The MOTION passed unanimously.**

- b. Recognition Program: Ms. Scofield stated that she would like to have a recognition program with annual awards to bring about preservation awareness. She said that May was National Historic Preservation month and suggested preparing a resolution to the County Council to recognize the day in Council each year. Ms. Scofield stated that they could organize a recognition award ceremony and hopefully get some press that would bring more attention to the issue. Tom asked Ms. Scofield to put it on the Agenda for the next meeting to ask for worthwhile projects to recognize.

**MOTION** by Mr. Roberts seconded by Mr. Zacharias “*To add organizing an Annual Recognition Program to number 3 on the goal list*” **The MOTION passed unanimously.**

Ms. Scofield stated that she also wanted to prepare Seville School information so they could be on the Local Designation Registration.

- c. Ms. Epps asked about cleanups for the Volusia County cemeteries. Ms. Scofield reported that the Glenwood project has really provided a lot of awareness on the issue and she hoped for more volunteer projects. She said the County had provided some help (equipment and operators) but they wouldn’t be funding any projects. They have funded historical signage for Glenwood.
  - d. Ms. Epps asked if there was any progress on establishing the House Program. Ms. Scofield said they hoped there would be funding to supply plaques to homes in the designated historic districts. She reported that there had been a mid-century building survey in the Glenwood area about a year ago and there are a lot of buildings but not a lot of districts. She said that most of them were in the cities.
  - e. Blanchette Property: The property is a Nationally Registered Archeology Site. The Turnbull Indigo Vats are there, they have done cleanup and have established a grid. She stated that the house is in horrible shape, the County mows the property and tries to keep an eye on it, but it is difficult to keep people out. Ms. Scofield said that their dream had been to turn it into an entrance to the Doris Leeper property with the long term goal of creating an archeology field school on the site.
  - f. DeBary Hall management plan update.
  - g. Osteen WWI monument moved as planned and looks must better.
- C. 2016 Meeting Dates:
- a. Kimberly Reading is following up on the meeting place, in Orange City, for the next meeting.
  - b. The Board discussed several possible meeting places, Ms. Scofield will follow up.

**MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

Mr. Wagner brought several brochures for the Board. He stated that the “HistoryCon” had been amazing.

Mr. Chapin has a problem with starting the meetings at 4:00 p.m. due to another meeting, would like to start the meetings at 3:30 p.m. instead.

**MOTION** by Mr. Wagner seconded by Mr. Chapin “*To move the next meeting time to 3:30.*” **The MOTION passed unanimously.**

**PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS:** none

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Epps adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

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