

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



**November 29, 2016**

**LOCATION:**

New Smyrna Museum of History, 120 Sams Avenue, New Smyrna Beach

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Epps 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

Bill Chapin

Robert Clinton

Nancy Epps

Kimberly Reading

Robert Redd

L. Tom Roberts

Zach Zacharias

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer

Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Dawn Thomas, Activity Project Manger

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** None

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Brian Polk, DeLeon Springs State Park

Dorothy Moore, New Smyrna Museum of History

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- **MOTION** by Mr. Chapin, 2nd by Mr. Redd *“To approve the minutes of the September 27, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Spaceport Florida Environmental Impact Study Status** — Ms. Scofield reported that the study is still in progress.

**Historic Property Maintenance Workshop**—Ms. Scofield stated that the date was tentatively set for January 25<sup>th</sup>, depending on speaker availability which was still being organized.

**State Historic Marker Program** – Ms. Scofield reported that the Historical Marker Committee in Tallahassee met October 12<sup>th</sup>. Applications for the Orange City Colored School and the DeLeon Springs Colored School were approved, with some text adjustments being made to the DeLeon Springs marker. The Orange City marker has been ordered. Dedication events are being organized in conjunction with alumni gatherings in February for Black History Month. The board will work on pursuing other markers as previously discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Most Endangered List Update** – Ms. Scofield reviewed the current list by individual property. Additional structures including the Bonner school building, Emporia school house, Deltona model homes, DeLeon Springs advertising murals and a brick column in DeLand were discussed.

- **MOTION** by Mr. Chapin, 2nd by Mr. Zacharias *“To make no changes or additions to the Most Endangered Historic Properties List at this time.”* **Motion passed unanimously.**

**2017 Meeting Locations/Dates** – The following dates and suggested locations were proposed through board discussion for 2017:

- January 24 – Bethel AME Church, DeLand
- March 28 – The Abbey, Daytona
- May 23 – DeBary Hall Barn, DeBary – Preservation Month Awards
- July 25 – MOAS or Brown Museum, Daytona Beach
- September 26 – Veterans Memorial Park & Museum, Deltona
- November 28 – Seminole Rest, Oak Hill

In addition, alternate locations proposed were the Florida Children’s United Methodist Home, Enterprise; Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Museum, Ponce Inlet; DeLand Hospital Museum, DeLand; Stetson University; Bethune-Cookman University

**MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

Ms. Scofield reported that the County manages several lands for the state, including Doris Leeper Spruce Creek Preserve (DLSCP) and the New Smyrna Sugar Mill. In a 5-year public lands review, the County received a commendation for its archaeological site monitoring at DLSCP. After Hurricane Matthew, she performed a site review of all the cemeteries in unincorporated Volusia County. There was very little damage apart from some limbs down and heavy debris. Finally, with regard to Mr. Wagner recently resigning from the board, she noted that it is customary to present a framed map in recognition of his service on the board which could be arranged for a future meeting.

Ms. Epps welcomed Robert Redd to the board. Mr. Redd greeted the group, gave an overview of his background and current publishing projects, and welcomed members to stay and visit the museum after the meeting. He also noted an upcoming Florida Humanities Council-sponsored speaker series at the Museum for Black History Month and an archaeology exhibit to be prepared by Dot Moore and Roger Grange. Mr. Zacharias noted that January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 would be the date for this year’s History Con event at MOAS.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

Brian Polk of DeLeon Springs State Park reported that the park is repairing a wall at the residence, which is located on top of a prehistoric burial mound. The park is working on a 10-year plan, and as part of this he had proposed to tear down the residence, transforming that space into a pedestrian and interpretive area for the mound.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business, Chair Epps thanked the Museum for their hospitality and adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessi Jackson Smith  
Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
January 24, 2017

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