

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



December 1, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

INTRODUCTIONS:

Chair Epps called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 4:00 p.m., December 1, 2015 at the Lake Helen City Hall and Museum, 327 S. Lakeview Dr., Lake Helen

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present to wit:

Oscar Brock
Bill Chapin
Nancy Epps
Kimberly Reading
Thomas Roberts
John Wagner
James Zacharias

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Brian Polk, Robert Clinton

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Jill Marcum, ECHO Program Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - September 22, 2015 regular meeting

Mr. Brock made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the September 22, 2015 regular meeting as presented.”* Ms. Reading seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

OLD BUSINESS:

Rio Vista Arch – Ms. Scofield advised that the County of Volusia had completed construction contracts for the repairs to the arch to address the damage caused by vehicle impact. She stated that the County has decided to wait until after the first of the year to start the project due to traffic circulation concerns, and the project would take approximately 90 days to complete. The scope of work will only address the recent damage, utilizing an insurance settlement and additional stabilization is needed.

Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study status – Ms. Scofield advised that there has been no further information about the study.

Glenwood African American Cemetery – Ms. Scofield relayed to the board that the recent clean-up of the cemetery had gone very well. She stated that there were 20 marked graves found during the week of work. Land Management helped clear the brush and there were many volunteers working during the week to clean up the site, as evidenced by the impressive before and after photographs. Ms. Scofield stated that she felt the site should be fenced in so that it was kept safe and that she felt the nearby property owner would be fine with the idea. The original plan had been that a local Boy Scout would install the fencing as a part of his Eagle Project, however, that fell through. A Girl Scout will be building a pedestrian gate and sign there in January as part of her Golden Award project. Ms. Scofield stated that there is still a need for someone to step forward to take responsibility for on-going maintenance, which could now be managed with a coordinated volunteer effort.

NEW BUSINESS:

Endangered Historic Properties in Volusia County List – Ms. Scofield presented the current list to the Board, updated the status of the current properties and suggested that the Putnam Hotel and Dutton House be added to the list.

Mr. Wagner made a **MOTION** “*To add the Putnam Hotel and Dutton House to the Endangered Historic Properties in Volusia County List.*” Mr. Chapin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2016 Meeting Dates and Recommended Locations – The Board was presented with the 2016 Calendar and asked to suggest some locations. After some discussion it was decided that, if possible, the first meeting of the year will be held at the Wilbur Boathouse in Wilbur-by-the-Sea.

Osteen Memorial Park Update – Ms. Scofield said that the World War I Monument at Osteen Memorial Park had been moved to a safer location and that a n interpretive panel would be installed there later in the week. The local community plans to install additional memorials for later wars.

OTHER MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield told the Board that the Hasty Cottage and Myers Davis House have been listed on National Register of Historic Places.

Ms. Reading let the Board know she was working with the Orange City African American Community to prepare a Cemetery Preservation Workshop at the Lincoln Cemetery. Workshop will probably be held in March.

Mr. Wagner shared a magazine issue regarding Cemetery Reclamation in Philadelphia. He also provided a magazine showing the changes at the Museum of Arts & Sciences West Wing in Daytona Beach.

Mr. Zacharias told the Board that he was going to be on a PBS show called “The Fossil Hunters”. Mr. Zacharias also told the Board that the Museum was hosting a “History-Con” with speakers, authors, discussions and booths featuring historical subjects and organizations. He offered a “table” for the Preservation Board to showcase the Most Endangered List which he could utilize an intern to man the booth.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS:

None

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

Respectfully submitted, Jill Marcum, Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____