

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

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July 26, 2016

LOCATION:

Hotchkiss House, 111 Silver Beach Avenue, Daytona Beach

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Epps called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present:

Oscar Brock
Bill Chapin
Nancy Epps
Brian Polk
Kimberly Reading
John Wagner
Zach Zacharias

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Jessi Jackson Smith, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary
Dawn Thomas, Project Activity Manger

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Robert Clinton, Tom Roberts

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Nancy Long, President of Heritage Preservation Trust/Hotchkiss House

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- **MOTION** by Mr. Brian Polk, 2nd by Mr. Zach Zacharias *“To approve the minutes of the May 26, 2015 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

- **MOTION** by Mr. Bill Chapin, 2nd by Ms. Kimberly Reading *“To approve the minutes of the May 24, 2016 regular meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.”*

OLD BUSINESS:

Spaceport Florida Environmental Impact Study— Ms. Scofield reported that there were no new updates in the environmental impact study. Board discussion followed about Ms. Scofield’s unanswered FAA requests for updates, the Space Florida program, and accessibility issues and other threats pertaining to the Eliot Plantation.

Historic Property Maintenance Workshop—Ms. Scofield requested board feedback and discussion about the scope of the workshop, including targeted audience, a variety of topics and case studies, and expert presenters. Ms. Epps noted a hope that these kinds of educational workshops would allay future ECHO emergency stabilization grant needs. Ms. Scofield mentioned that the West Volusia Historical Society might be a co-sponsor and has a preservation contacts list. There was further discussion about targeting organizations as initial attendees, and the Pioneer Settlement is the preferred venue for a first workshop on a weekday in November or January. DeBary Hall or an east side facility would be possible for additional future programs.

Cemetery Projects—Ms. Scofield gave updates pertaining to Purdom Cemetery, Gethsemane Cemetery and Lincoln Cemetery. She then presented a documentary video prepared by recent intern Paige Callan who had worked on the Glenwood Cemetery project.

State Historic Marker Program – Ms. Scofield is preparing marker applications for the two Rosenwald schools. The Orange City Village Improvement Association, the West Volusia Historical Society and the DeLeon Springs Civic Association have each agreed to provide financial assistance with these. There are additional grant opportunities for new markers, with the State funding half of the cost, ranging between \$1,800 and \$2,200. There was further board discussion regarding an existing list of target sites which will be the basis for selecting new marker sites to be selected at the September meeting.

There was additional discussion about spurring interest in local history through a history writing competition, consideration of a preservation award for the Pioneer Settlement’s Underhill House, and looking ahead to the 25th anniversary of the historic preservation board. Regarding the preservation ordinance “50 year standard,” Ms. Scofield stated that the last direction from the legal department was to complete a complete county-wide survey.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Next Meeting Date – Mr. Zacharias questioned the next meeting date around the Thanksgiving holiday. Ms. Smith will work with the New Smyrna Museum of History to reschedule the date, with first choice being November 15th, and second choice being the 29th.

Sharing Information – In addition, Mr. Wagner shared literature pertaining to historic gardens and preservation programs. Ms. Reading stated that the Lincoln Cemetery representatives were thrilled with the recent cemetery work which has generated a lot of interest. Mr. Polk shared information about two Florida Heritage Trails. Ms. Scofield shared the new Smyrnea Settlement booklet and encouraged members to consider attending the upcoming Tidally United Summit in St. Augustine.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Nancy Long of Hotchkiss House welcomed the preservation board, gave some historical background about the site, and expressed her appreciation for the board’s work. She suggested that Lilian Place and Hotchkiss House would be a wonderful site for a marker.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, Chair Epps entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. and invited members to stay for a tour of Lilian Place.

- **MOTION** by Mr. Brian Polk, 2nd by Mr. Bill Chapin *“To adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.”*

Respectfully submitted by
Jessi Jackson Smith
Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____