

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

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September 22, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Polk called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:00 p.m., September 22, 2015 in the Holly Hill Historical Museum, 1066 Ridgewood Ave., Holly Hill

INTRODUCTIONS:

Vice-Chair Polk thanked the Holly Hill Historical Museum for hosting the meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following members answered present to wit:

Bill Chapin
Brian Polk
Kimberly Reading
Thomas Roberts
John Wagner
James Zacharias

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Chair Nancy Epps, Oscar Brock, Robert Clinton

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Nancy Maddox, Cultural, Historical and ECHO Program Manager
Jill Marcum, ECHO Program Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - July 21, 2015 regular meeting

Mr. Roberts made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of the July 21, 2015 regular meeting as presented.”* Mr. Zacharias seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

OLD BUSINESS:

Rio Vista Arch – Ms. Scofield advised that the County of Volusia had received the insurance monies for the damage done to the Rio Vista Arch and that the necessary repairs would begin shortly.

Space Port Florida Environmental Impact Study status – Ms. Scofield advised that the Environmental Impact Study is still underway. She brought to the Boards attention an article in which Senator Bill Nelson said that Shiloh would not be the location for a commercial spaceport.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016 Historical Society Contributions – Ms. Scofield stated that contributions are usually awarded in the amount of \$3,500.00 to both the West Volusia Historical Society and the SE Museum of History.

Mr. Larry French of the West Volusia Historical Society explained that they maintained historical records for the County and are in the process of digitizing the records.

Ms. Dot Moore of the SE Museum of History Archaeology Lab stated that their focus was public education and the processing and storage of archaeology finds.

Mr. Wagner made a **MOTION** *“To fund the West Volusia Historical Society and the SE Museum of History each \$3500 for curation activities in the upcoming fiscal year.”* Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Archaeology Presentation by Dr. Roger Grange – Dr. Grange expressed the need for a County Archaeologist. Dr. Grange discussed the importance of archaeology within Volusia County, citing the Turnbull Settlement and Planchette properties as examples. He stated that with the help of Port Orange, New Smyrna Beach and Volusia County they were able to survey and discover over 30 historical sites. Dr. Grange explained that there was much more to do and recommended that the Board encourage the Volusia County Council to hire a County Archaeologist, or to somehow partner with the City of New Smyrna Beach to provide in-house archaeological services.

Vice Chair Polk and Mr. Roberts both expressed that they agreed that there was a need for more preservation staff, but acknowledged awareness of the financial problems the local governments were faced with at this time. Vice Chair Polk suggested that the citizens approach their City and County Councils.

Ms. Scofield thanked Dr. Grange for his presentation and expressed appreciation to both him and Ms. Moore for their commitment, time and expertise donated to the County.

Most Endangered List Updates - Ms. Scofield provided information on the news article regarding the African American Cemetery abandonment. She said that the plan was to have Fire Services clear the trees and brush. Ms. Scofield said she had been given permission to organize volunteer work days and activities once the brush had been cleared.

Ms. Scofield informed the board that the DeLand AME Church has finished plans and is in the permitting phase and hope to begin work by the end of the year.

Ms. Scofield reported that the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts hopes to begin work on the Joseph Underhill House stabilization after the Fall Jamboree in November.

Preservation Advocacy Discussion – Ms. Scofield discussed the need for public education regarding Historic Preservation. She described information gathered from studies by the National Park Service and National Trust for Historic Preservation regarding public interest in historic places.

OTHER MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Mr. Chapin requested that the future meeting times be changed to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. Wagner made a **MOTION** “*To change future meeting times to 4:00 p.m.*” Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Scofield advised that the next meeting was scheduled for November 22nd and asked the Board if they would prefer to move the meeting due to the Holiday. The Board decided to have the meeting on December 1st at a location to be determined.

Mr. Wagner presented a magazine from the National Historic Trust with an article about the renovation of a theatre in his childhood hometown.

Mr. Roberts reminded the Board of the West Volusia Historic Society’s Oakdale Cemetery Walk will be on 23rd & 24th of October.

Mr. Zacharias updated the Board on the status of the Daytona Museum.

Mr. Chapin suggested using students and/or Scouts to help with the cemetery clean up.

Ms. Reading let the Board know she was working with CRYPT to hold a workshop at the Lincoln Cemetery in Orange City.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Larry French asked if there was anything to be salvaged from the Gould Building in DeLand.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Vice Chair Polk adjourned the meeting at 4:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Scofield, Historical Preservation Officer

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____