

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



**January 26, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:34 P.M. on January 26, 2010 in the County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Avenue, DeLand

**ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:**

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

John Wagner, Chair  
Priscilla Cardwell, Secretary  
Jon Benn  
Sid Corhern  
Bill Fraser  
Gary Meadows  
Dot Moore  
Jim Yates

Ms. Scofield announced the appointment by County Council of two new members of the board; Mr. Brian Polk and Mr. Jim Yates. Mr. Polk was not able to attend due to a previous commitment. Chair Wagner then officially welcomed Mr. Yates

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

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nancy Maddox, Cultural & Recreation Manager  
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer  
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Harold Cardwell Sr., Mark Shuttleworth

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR:**

Chair Wagner announced that due to the departure of Mr. Nutt from the board, it was necessary to elect a new Vice Chair and then opened the floor for nominations.

Member Cardwell nominated Mr. Jon Benn to be Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Member Corhern. No other nominations were heard and Mr. Benn agreed to accept the nomination. Mr. Benn was confirmed by acclamation with no one in opposition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - September 22, 2009 Regular Meeting

Member Meadows made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of September 22, 2009 as presented.”* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS:** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Presentation – Chair Wagner presented former member Mark Shuttleworth with a framed reproduction of an 1855 Colton map of Florida (the first map identifying Volusia County which was created in 1854) in appreciation of his service to the board and to historic preservation in Volusia County in general. Mr. Shuttleworth advised that, while he was no longer serving on the board, he was still willing to lend his expertise to the board at any time if needed. Former Member Nutt was not in attendance to receive his recognition. Ms. Scofield agreed to present it to him at a later date.

2010 Goals – Ms. Scofield distributed the goals for 2009 and asked the members to revise, delete and add to them as desired. Each goal was discussed and Ms. Scofield took the recommendations provided and will consolidate the information and bring back an updated version for approval at the next meeting. The question of the budget for the board was brought up and Ms. Maddox advised that the current budget had funding for the document and artifact storage agreements we have with the West Volusia and Southeast Volusia Historical Societies plus another \$3,000. The budget outlook for 2010/11 does not look good for anything more than the minimum funds needed to support these two projects.

Ms. Scofield advised the board that the State has identified some funds available to Certified Local Governments for non-matching grants to fund special workshop programs. Possible topics might include adaptive re-use or rural heritage preservation. Applications must be submitted by March with the programs to be conducted by June. She asked the board for their input insofar as proceeding with this opportunity.

The remaining goals were reviewed. Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To approve the Goals for 2010 as discussed.”* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Oak Hill VIA Project Update – Member Corhern provided a PowerPoint presentation showing pictures of the completed Oak Hill VIA building restoration effort.

## **MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

Ms. Scofield distributed copies of the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to each member of the board for their review and use. These are the standards required by the board's governing ordinance for use in considering applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

Ms. Scofield again asked for members to provide her with suggestions for a workshop to be produced before June with State funding for Certified Local Governments. Since the application must be submitted before the board is scheduled to meet again, she asked that members individually e-mail her with their input.

Member Cardwell reported that the County owned Holly Hill Market building at State and Beach Street appeared to be vacant. Ms. Scofield advised that the County had recently sold the building to the City of Holly Hill and it is included in their redevelopment plan for reuse.

Member Cardwell reported on the recent successes of the Old Timers Dinner for the Port Orange School Alumni and the Dunlawton reenactment event. She reminded everyone of the Freemans Day Event scheduled for February 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. at the Mt. Moriah Church in Daytona.

Member Benn reported his bank had recently held its' Customer Appreciation Night at the Stetson Mansion in DeLand and commented on what an impressive job the owners did on the property even though it is not a true restoration. He said the owners have offered to give the members of the HPB a tour of the property. While there, he had a chance to speak to several members of the Strawn family but none of the one's he spoke with had any connection to the Bob White Packing House property.

Member Corhern announced that the group restoring the Hasty Cottage and historic Post Office at Ponce Inlet have applied for an award from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation and were requesting a letter of support of this nomination from the board.

Member Benn made a **MOTION** *"To direct staff to issue a Letter of Support on behalf of the board for an FTHP award for the restoration of the Hasty Cottage and historic Post Office at Ponce Inlet.* Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Maddox asked Member Corhern whether he intended to put in an FTHP Award application for the Oak Hill VIA Building restoration project. He said he probably would and Ms. Scofield offered to assist him. He asked the board if they would provide a support letter for this project as well.

Member Meadows made a **MOTION** *"To direct staff to issue a Letter of Support on behalf of the board for an FTHP award for the restoration of the Oak Hill VIA Building.* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Fraser reported on plans by the County to construct a multi-use trail through the Glenwood section of DeLand along Grand Avenue. He spoke in opposition to all three of the options that have been proposed by the County engineering staff because he felt like they will destroy the historic character of the community.

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He urged other members of the board to attend the next County Council meeting where this will be considered by the County Council. Ms. Scofield reported that she had received several calls from citizens asking if designating the area as a historic district would make any difference. She advised that the area does not meet the requirements necessary for designation. There was much discussion and it was left that Ms. Scofield would e-mail the members of the board with a description of the proposed options and that each member should then contact their individual County Council members to express their opinion if they so desire.

Member Meadows asked about the significance of the January 1, 1946 date in the board's Mission Statement. Ms. Scofield advised that at the time the board's governing ordinance was adopted, 1946 represented fifty years prior which was the recognized national standard for historic designation. This was the date used in the survey that identified properties requiring board review for demolition. She recommended that the ordinance be amended and the by-laws changed to reflect fifty years old as the standard rather than a specific date. This will be addressed by staff and brought back to the board at a future meeting.

Member Meadows also reported on the progress that the Army Corp of Engineers is making on efforts to restore and improve water flow to DeBary Creek on Lake Monroe.

Member Moore asked that the board continue to support the Elliot Plantation Archaeological and British Colonial Research project in S.E. Volusia County, NASA property. She also announced that March begins Florida Archaeology month. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year and this year's subject is Indian Mounds. Posters and handouts will be available at the S.E. Volusia Historical Society Museum toward the end of February if anyone would like some to distribute.

Member Yates asked about the status of the Oak Hill and Samsula schools. Member Corhern reported that the Samsula School is already being used as a charter school and it is hoped that Oak Hill will be used as a charter school within the next two years. The community is working on getting a \$100K grant from Lowes to help restore the building for reuse.

Chair Wagner reported that the Heritage Preservation Trust had successfully acquired Lilian Place and was working on raising \$50K to renovate the facility. It will serve as headquarters of the Heritage Preservation Trust, a countywide organization, and is also looking at other potential uses for the property as well.

**PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS** – None

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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