

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



**March 23, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30 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  
Jon Benn  
Priscilla Cardwell  
Bill Fraser  
Gary Meadows  
Dot Moore  
Brian Polk  
Jim Yates

Chair Wagner welcomed Mr. Brian Polk as the newest member appointed to the board.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** - Sid Corhern

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - January 26, 2010 Regular Meeting

Member Cardwell advised that in the fourth paragraph, under Member/Staff items, the reference to *Mt. Moriah Church in Daytona Beach* should be amended to read *Mt. Moriah Church in Port Orange*.

Member Fraser made a **MOTION** “*To approve the minutes of January 26, 2010 as corrected.*” Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**OLD BUSINESS:** - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

CLG Workshop Update - Ms. Scofield advised the board that our application for a grant to host one of the three Certified Local Government training workshop in the state was approved by the Division of Historical Resources. Tallahassee and Delray Beach were selected as the other two venues. The dates for the workshop are June 17 – 18. We will be partnering with the City of DeLand and MainStreet DeLand Association to host the event. It will begin with a reception on Thursday evening, June 17 at the Florida Museum for Women Artists in the Fish Building. The training will take place on Friday, June 18 in the Training Room of the Historic Courthouse. She asked that all board members try to be there, especially on Thursday evening to serve as hosts for the reception.

Architectural Evaluation Criteria Definitions - Ms. Scofield distributed copies of various definitions relating to historic preservation and reviewed these terms for the members. These are terms that are applicable in evaluating requests for historical designation and other certificates of appropriateness.

**MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:**

Ms. Scofield announced that she had issued letters on behalf of the board supporting the nominations for three Florida Trust for Historic Preservation awards; Oak Hill VIA, Meyer-Davis House & Hasty Cottage in Ponce Inlet, Coquina Quarries and had also nominated the Volusia County ECHO program for an outstanding program award.

Member Yates asked about a shell mound at Beach Street and Mound Avenue in Ormond Beach and wondered if it had been considered for protection. Member Moore advised that the site has been surveyed and the property acquired by the City of Ormond Beach and is under protection.

Member Moore displayed a poster and distributed bookmarks promoting March as Florida Archaeological Month. She also recommended that since we have several new board members, that it might be beneficial to invite Sara Miller from the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) again to attend a future meeting to provide a presentation on what FPAN does and how it supports preservation efforts across the State of Florida. Ms. Scofield agreed to contact her to schedule a presentation.

Member Moore commented about signage she had seen about the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor and wondered if there was some way to provide Spruce Creek Preserve with similar interpretative signage. Ms. Scofield advised that D.O.T. had installed the River of Lakes signage as a part of the heritage corridor designation program.

She said that the County Land Management Division might be able to provide some appropriate signage. She will discuss this with their staff and report back.

Ms. Moore advised that she and Ms. Scofield have been attempting to locate an old, probably destroyed, burial mound within Spruce Creek Preserve west of U.S. 1. They are having difficulty determining the exact GPS location of the site as identified on some old maps. She asked if anyone had any computer capability that might help in this regard. Ms. Scofield said she would also approach Land Management with this as well to see if they had any ideas. Member Fraser suggested a local surveyor might also have some resources available.

Member Meadows reported on the recent inauguration of Dr. Wendy Libby as President of Stetson University.

Member Fraser welcomed Mr. Polk to the board. He also reported on some possible new options being proposed by the County engineers to the citizens of Glenwood for that segment of the Spring-to-Spring Trail.

Member Cardwell reported on the outstanding turnout for the Freemanville celebration in February. She also invited everyone to attend the Port Orange Founders Day celebration on April 26 at 2:00 p.m. at the Port Orange Historical Trust building at 3431 Ridgewood Avenue. The city is celebrating its 143 anniversary this year.

Member Benn also welcomed Mr. Polk and commented on what a great job he does in managing the DeLeon Springs State Park. Mr. Benn also reported on the Athens Theatre's recent successful presentation of the musical *Grease*. All performances sold out. He said that attendance at events at the Athens was steadily picking up and it was beginning to sustain itself.

Member Polk thanked everyone for the warm welcome and provided a brief summary of his professional background. He spoke about the rich history of DeLeon Springs State Park and reported on a recent archaeological survey done prior to a proposed storm water project. The survey revealed enough significant historical material that construction had to be redesigned. He also reported that he recently spoke with Laura Strawn at a DeLeon Springs Merchant Association meeting and she indicated that there may be an investment group interested in acquiring the Bob White Packing House property.

Chair Wagner announced that the Athens Theatre recently received a donation of a pipe organ from the Edgewood mansion in Lake Helen.

Chair Wagner asked about the situation regarding the Gamble Place property at Spruce Creek Preserve which is no longer open to the public. Member Cardwell advised that Harold Cardwell had information about this and would address the board during Citizen Comments.

Chair Wagner distributed copies of a newsletter from an organization, Beachside Neighborhood Watch. It often contains articles of interest about historical properties in Daytona Beach.

Chair Wagner asked about the status of the Seville Village Improvement Association. Ms. Scofield provided a brief update of their activities including their plans to raise funds to allow them to apply for another ECHO grant next year to do additional work in the lunchroom and the auditorium.

Chair Wagner reported that the Heritage Preservation Trust was applying to the County for a Community Cultural Grant for operating support for Lilian Place.

**PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS** – Harold Cardwell Sr. first announced that the Florida Historical Society would be holding their annual meeting at the Casa Monica Hotel in St. Augustine, May 26-28. He then reminisced for a few minutes about his early days on the Volusia County Historical Commission (now the Historic Preservation Board.)

Mr. Cardwell said that he had received reports that the historic buildings at Gamble Place were falling into disrepair since the site was no longer being maintained by the Museum of Arts and Sciences (MOAS.) The Executive Director of MOAS, Mr. Wayne Atherholt, had advised him in a letter that museum funds for operating and maintaining the site were no longer available and were not expected to be available in the near future. Further, the City of Port Orange who received the ECHO grant may be asked by the County of Volusia to pay back ECHO grant funds if the site is not going to be reopened to the public on a regular basis. The museum will provide special tours to groups who schedule in advance.

Mr. Cardwell asked if the ECHO grant monies that the City might have to pay back could be used to maintain and operate the site. Ms. Scofield did not know what the agreement between the city and County involved but she did state the County had been asked previously to take over operation if the site and they were not in a position to do so.

Chair Wagner asked Ms. Scofield if it would be helpful for the board to take a position on this issue. She agreed to investigate and report back to the board at the next meeting. Member Fraser asked if we could possibly meet there in the future. Ms. Scofield will check with the Museum and advise by e-mail if it is available for the May meeting.

Mr. Cardwell also suggested that the County give some consideration to putting a cover over the animal driven agricultural machinery stored at the Dunlawton Sugar Mill Ruins site to protect them from further deterioration from the elements.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

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