

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



September 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30 P.M. on September 22, 2009 in the County Council Chambers of the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center, 123 W. Indiana Avenue, DeLand

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

John Wagner, Chair
Riley Nutt, Vice Chair
Priscilla Cardwell, Secretary
Jon Benn
Sid Corhern
Bill Fraser
Gary Meadows
Dot Moore
Mark Shuttleworth (arrived after roll call)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - None

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Tim Baylie, Director, Parks, Recreation & Culture Division
Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney/Staff Counsel
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Sue Burns, Daniel Tippins, Roy Idell

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - July 21, 2009 Regular Meeting

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of May 26, 2009 as presented.”*
Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

D-09-01: Application by the owner for a Certificate of Designation of the Spring Garden Ranch Historic District, 900 and 926 Spring Garden Ranch Road, DeLeon Springs, Parcel ID#6006-00-00-0030 and #6006-00-00-0031.

This property was added to the Endangered Historic Properties List at the July 21 meeting. Ms. Scofield presented a staff report detailing how the property qualifies for local designation. The applicant was not in attendance and there were no members from the public to speak on the issue. Staff recommended approval.

Member Moore made a **MOTION** *“To approve the application for local historic designation of the Spring Garden Ranch as presented and identified in the staff report.”* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. Member Corhern recused himself to preclude any potential conflict of interest in the future if he is hired by the owner to do any work on the property. The motion carried unanimously.

A-09-02: Application by the owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior alteration to a historic structure know as the Wilbur Boathouse, located at 4200 Peninsula Drive, Wilbur by the Sea, Parcel ID#6312-04-00-4230.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report detailing the applicant’s request to use a non-compliant roofing material to replace the wood shingles which are in need of replacement. The shingles the applicant wishes to use are a synthetic wood lookalike material guaranteed for 50 years. The applicant was in attendance and explained their position to the board and, along with their contractor, answered questions. There were no members from the public to speak on the issue. Staff recommended denial of the request due to the impact to the properties historic authenticity.

There was much discussion about whether the problem with the approved wood shingles deteriorating too quickly was due to the wood material itself or with the way in which they are installed. Member Corhern stated that, in his professional opinion, if wood shingles are installed correctly, they should last substantially longer than four years.

Ms. Scofield reminded the board that, by ordinance, the scope of this review deals only with the appropriateness of using a non-complaint material and that in COA requests, financial hardship is not a consideration.

Member Benn made a **MOTION** *“To approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Modification to the Wilbur Boathouse roof as identified in the Staff Report.”* Member Wagner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion passed 6-3 with Members Fraser, Nutt and Shuttleworth voting in opposition to the motion.

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Certified Local Government Board Training – Ms. Scofield announced that the required CLG board training is scheduled for October 20 at the DeBary Hall Historic Site stables from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Members from preservation boards outside of Volusia County are invited to participate along with members of the public interested in serving on county or municipal preservation boards. The training will be facilitated by Mr. Michael Zimney from the Florida State Division of Historical Resources.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield reminded the board members that any additions or deletions to the Most Endangered Historic Properties List need to be made at the November 24th meeting for transmittal to the ECHO board in January.

Member Fraser reported that the River of Lakes Scenic Heritage Corridor (Hwy 17) dedication is scheduled for Saturday, September 26th at 11:00 in DeLand.

Member Fraser also advised that the newly formed DeLeon Springs Merchant Association is looking for historical information about the DeLeon Springs area to post on their website and asked if there were any suggestions. Ms. Scofield referred him to the West Volusia Historical Society that should be able to assist them.

Member Meadows announced that Stetson University had established a scholarship fund in honor of President Dr. H. Douglas Lee, Jr.

Member Meadows also reported that through his brother-in-law who is a professional photographer, he has access to some outstanding photos of Green Springs if needed.

Member Corhern reported the recently restored Oak Hill VIA building officially opened on September 12th. In his opinion, this was an excellent example of the use of ECHO funds.

Member Corhern also reported on the status of the Seville School VIA acquisition. The building is now almost ready for occupancy and use by the VIA and other organizations.

Member Cardwell commended everyone for their efforts on the Dunlawton Sugar Mill project. She said the comments she had received were very favorable. There were some comments about the lack of light under the roof making it a little difficult to see everything clearly.

Member Cardwell announced that due to cost and declining attendance the Port Orange School reunion has been cancelled. However, they have organized an Old Timers dinner scheduled for 4:00 on October 11 at the Whistle Junction in South Daytona.

Member Nutt reported that the “Lemonade Lecture” series at DeBary Hall that was scheduled to end has been extended due to its popularity. It will resume in January 2010 as “Hot Chocolate History.” Anyone having an interest in speaking on topics of historical interest is encouraged to contact DeBary Hall to volunteer.

Member Moore asked whether Staff had any information on the HPB budget. Ms. Scofield advised that she did not have any information but would refer the question to Nancy Maddox and try to obtain the information for the next meeting.

Member Moore reported that the Florida Public Archaeological Network would be experimenting with a ground penetrating radar device at three different archaeological sites in New Smyrna later in the week.

Member Shuttleworth reported that there is panel discussion scheduled for 7:00 p.m. tonight at the Museum of Florida Art in DeLand about the St. Johns River and the water demand in Volusia County.

Member Shuttleworth reported that his company, Florida Victorian Architectural Antiques still has a supply of reclaimed lumber available that could be used for non-profit projects if anyone wants to pick up. Just contact him to make arrangements.

Chair Wagner reported that there is an article in Florida Preservationist Magazine that identifies eleven endangered historic properties in Florida. Included in the list was the Bob White citrus packing plant in DeLeon Springs.

Chair Wagner also reported that the Heritage Preservation Trust has applied for an emergency acquisition ECHO grant to acquire Lilian Place. The ECHO Board reviews the request on September 23 and if they approve it will be go before the County Council for final approval.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS – None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____