

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



November 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER:

Suzanne Heddy, Executive Director of the Ormond Beach Historical Society welcomed the board and provided a brief history of the facility. Chair Benn called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:03 p.m. on November 23, 2010 in the Anderson-Price Memorial Building of the Ormond Beach Historical Society, 42 N. Beach St., Ormond Beach

ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS:

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

Jon Benn
D. Shawn Beckwith
Priscilla Cardwell (joined after roll call)
Bill Fraser
Dot Moore
Brian Polk
John Wagner
Jim Yates

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: Mr. Meadows

Chair Benn declared a quorum was present and welcomed a new member to the board, D. Shawn Beckwith. Member Beckwith provided the board with a brief biography.

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., Diana Simmons, Suzanne Heddy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - September 28, 2010 Regular Meeting

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of September 28, 2010 regular meeting as presented.”* Member Yates seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: – None

OLD BUSINESS: - None

NEW BUSINESS:

Update to Volusia County Most Endangered Historic Properties List –

Ms. Scofield reviewed the purpose of the list and discussed the status of various properties on the list. The board reviewed each property and took the following actions:

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** *“To remove the Goat Island Burial Grounds from the Volusia County Most Endangered Historic Properties List.”* Member Polk seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Beckwith made a **MOTION** *“To add the Seth French House in Orange City to the Volusia County Most Endangered Historic Properties List.”* Member Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Beckwith made a **MOTION** *“To add the S. Cornelia Young Memorial Library building in Daytona Beach to the Volusia County Most Endangered Historic Properties List.”* Member Yates seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board then considered the request from the owners of the McCoy House in Holly Hill to have the property placed back on the Most Endangered Historic Properties List. The board heard a report from Members Wagner and Moore who visited the property. Both advised that the property had undergone substantial modification and as a result, its historical significance had been diminished to the extent that renovation would not be practical. Adding it to the list would not offer any protection or increase the value of the property in any way.

Member Polk made a **MOTION** *“To deny the request by the owner to add the McCoy House in Holly Hill to the Volusia County Most Endangered Historic Properties List.”* Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Wagner brought up the Delos A. Blodgett House in Daytona Beach and asked if visitor Harold Cardwell might wish to speak to its status. Mr. Cardwell advised that the property is still in good condition and not currently endangered. Members Wagner and Beckwith said that this site needs to be watched carefully because there is beginning to be some exterior deterioration observed.

Member Beckwith brought up the Pacetti House property in Ponce Inlet and announced that it is currently vacant and located in an area that has strong potential for development.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield announced that the County will be updating the Spruce Creek Preserve Management Plan to the State which includes the protection of our archaeological sites there and is scheduled to hold public meetings on December 3 and December 8 at the Atlantic Center for the Arts. She encouraged anyone who is able to attend to ensure that there is a focus on the historical value of the preserve.

M. Fincher announced that the next meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2011 and will e-mail everyone with the location. Member Beckwith is to check into the availability of the old DeYarman Hotel site in Orange City.

Member Polk raised the idea of creating a watch list of properties that might not be endangered at the present time but could be at risk in the future.

Member Wagner provided an update on the Heritage Preservation Trust's Lilian Place property.

Member Moore requested a letter from the Board supporting the Florida Public Archaeology Network's (FPAN) application for a state grant to develop educational modules for middle school students on prehistoric Indians and their life ways. Staff has been provided the necessary information to prepare a letter for the Chair.

Member Moore made a **MOTION** *"To direct staff to prepare a letter from the board in support of FPAN's state grant application for educational program on prehistoric Indians."* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Member Cardwell announced the dates of Dunlawton's Christmas in the Garden on November 28 and the Battle of Dunlawton reenactment on January 16, 2011.

Member Beckwith displayed a shutter from the Pritchard House in Titusville and invited everyone to a soft grand opening of the property on December 16.

Member Polk commented on the status of the Strawn Sawmill property and several members expressed an interest in visiting it. Ms. Scofield suggested that we might want to hold a future meeting at the DeLeon Springs State Park and then visit the site which is close by.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS –

Harold Cardwell advised that he had completed his latest book on the history of South Daytona and it will be published in the Halifax Historical Society Herald in late December or January if any one wishes to purchase a copy. Harold also announced the recent passing of Daytona Beach native Jerry Najarian.

Suzanne Heddy announced the Ormond Beach Historical Society's Sugar Mill Plantation tour on Sunday, February 6, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Benn adjourned the meeting at 4:38p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____