

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



January 29, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:35 P.M. on January 29, 2008 in the Stables of DeBary Hall Historic Site in DeBary.

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
Dot Moore

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - Warren VanHoose

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Jessi Jackson Smith, Rene Tallavast, Sandra Walters, John Meyer, David Rogers, Norma Adamczyk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - November 17, 2007 Regular Meeting

Chair Wagner requested that the November 17, 2007 Minutes be changed as follows; In third paragraph under MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS, amend the first sentence to reflect that “Pam Woods was elected Daytona Beach City Commissioner from Zone 2 and Gary Libby was elected President of the Heritage Preservation Trust.”

No other changes were reported

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of November 17, 2007 as amended.”* Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A-08-01: Application by the owner for Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the “Superintendent’s House” at the Turner Power Plant located at 421 DeBary Ave., Enterprise on the following described parcel of land to wit: W 120 ft. of E 405 ft. Block 40 Enterprise. Parcel #01-19-30-05-40-0020

Ms. Scofield introduced Mr. John Meyer and Mr. David Rogers representing Progress Energy, the applicant. Ms. Scofield presented a Staff Report describing the property’s condition and historic significance.

Staff recommended that the Application be approved with the condition that the permit for demolition be delayed for a period of ninety days during which time the owner must offer the building for sale or donation to a public or private entity interested in preserving the building by moving it offsite.

Member Nutt advised that Progress Energy had contacted the Enterprise Preservation Society (EPS) last year and inquired if they would be interested in any part of the site that was scheduled for demolition, either through salvage or relocation. Due to existing commitments to the Enterprise School House project, EPS did not feel that they could take on any added responsibility at the present time.

Member Nutt advised that he and others have formed the Enterprise Historical Conservancy Inc., on January 7, 2008 as a non-profit corporation that will also address preservation opportunities in Enterprise as well as in surrounding areas such as Osteen, DeBary and parts of Deltona. As a first goal, they wish to acquire this building from the Progress Energy site for preservation and re-use.

The Conservancy has identified several potential relocation sites and is currently looking at the feasibility of moving the building. They would like to delay any demolition for a reasonable period of time to develop a plan. Progress Energy has indicated their willingness to cooperate with the Conservancy in this regard.

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To approve request for application of certificate of appropriateness for demolition with the condition that permit for demolition be delayed for ninety days to allow Enterprise Historical Conservancy opportunity to develop a plan and timeline to relocate the building off-site. Should relocation not be feasible, a further condition requires that prior to commencing demolition the applicant allows salvage of historically significant material from the building by appropriate non-profit organization.”* Member Cardwell seconded

the motion as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Member Nutt recusing himself.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strawn Agricultural District Nation Register District Status – Ms. Scofield advised that all the buildings in this district that were not relocated to the Florida Agricultural Museum have now been demolished by the owner. This demolition was done without a permit. As a result, this site no longer has any historical significance and therefore needs to be removed from the National Register. Staff will take the necessary action to accomplish this.

Election of Officers for 2008 – M. Fincher advised that even though current officers have served less than a full year, the by-laws require that officers be elected at the first regular meeting of a calendar year for that entire year.

Member Benn made a **MOTION** “*To re-elect current slate of officers for 2008.*” Member Corhern seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Rene Tallavast, Executive Director of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor (ROLHC) made a presentation to the Board about the mission of the organization, status of designation efforts, upcoming activities and future plans. The Board asked if the ROLHC was still pursuing any effort to acquire the Strawn Packing House property. Ms. Tallavast reported nothing further has been done but that they were still interested if a partnership could be developed to fund the acquisition. She asked if the Board would be willing to provide a letter supporting this effort.

Member Moore made a **MOTION** “*To direct Staff to prepare a letter from the Board for supporting ROLHC’s efforts to acquire the Strawn Packing House property.*” Member Nutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield advised that a public meeting about plans for the Blanchette site is scheduled for Feb 12 at 1:30 in New Smyrna. She also advised that Staff would be beginning designation for the Enterprise Historic District as a part of the whole Enterprise Master Plan efforts. All designations would be processed through the HPB.

Ms. Cardwell advised that the Battle of Dunlawton Commemoration on January 20 was very successful with over 50 people participating. On February 12 at 4:00 p.m. there will be a Freemanville Settlement Celebration in Port Orange.

Member Nutt advised that the Enterprise Preservation Society Heritage Center Building (the Old Enterprise schoolhouse) was now in permanent position and placed on piers. He also announced several upcoming fund raising efforts for the project.

Chair Wagner announced that Deltona was hosting an open house event on Feb 2 at the Deltona Community Center to introduce the Historic Thornby Property.

Member Benn announced that the annual Dog Parade in downtown DeLand is scheduled for February 2 as a fundraiser for the Cultural Arts Center.

Member Moore asked Staff for an overview of County policy regarding protection of archeologically significant sites. Ms. Scofield provided a brief overview and said that they would discuss this in more detail when FPAN makes their presentation in March. Ms. Moore also advised that the Southeast Volusia Historical Museum was confirmed for the September meeting.

M. Fincher announced that the next meeting would be March 25 at the SNPJ Lodge in Samsula.

Mr. Corhern announced that Larry Sweet passed away.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____