

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

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**MARCH 21, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Cardwell called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:00 P.M. on March 21, 2006 at DeBary Hall Historic Site, 210 Sunrise Blvd., DeBary, Florida.

**ROLL CALL:**

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

Priscilla Cardwell, **Chair**  
John Wagner, **Vice-Chair**  
Maureen Kemp, **Secretary**  
Judy Burrows  
Warren Graham  
Barbara Herrin  
Tom Massfeller  
Riley Nutt

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:**

Bruce Piatek

Chair Cardwell declared a quorum was present.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Nancy Maddox, Cultural & Heritage Activity Manager  
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator/Recording Secretary  
Mary Brennan, Assistant County Attorney  
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer

**GUEST(S) PRESENT:**

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Dot Moore, Mathew Branz, Angie Spriggs, Laura Creel, Damon Creel, Raymond Hagood

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Member Wagner made a MOTION to *approve the Minutes of January 25, 2006 as presented.*  
Member Herrin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

A1-01-06 Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of historic property at 2199 Hwy 11/115 Lake Molly Avenue.

Historic Preservation Officer Julie Scofield presented a staff report (see attached) describing the property and its history. It was identified as a Single Family Residence, 1 ½ story, wood-frame structure in the Bungalow Style built in 1922. The owner has no specific plans for the use of the property but maintains that the cost to restore or move the building would create a financial hardship and that the condition of the structure does not warrant restoration. The building does not qualify for inclusion in the National Register.

Based upon exterior examination only of the building, the Staff recommended against approving the demolition request.

Mr. Branz, counsel for the owner, introduced the owner, Mr. Hagood, who is a licensed general contractor. Mr. Hagood stated that he estimated that the cost to move the building, purchase a lot and restore the structure to an acceptable state of occupancy would cost \$406,000 and have a market value of \$225,000. He also showed photos of the building highlighting the general condition and damage.

The board inquired as to the options available to them. Ms. Scofield advised that the HPB could deny the request for demolition, approve it, or approve it with conditions. The board can also delay a decision for up to 180 days to look at other potential opportunities for the property. Member Wagner asked the owner whether or not he was aware of the historic designation of the building when he purchased the property. He advised that he was not so aware.

After further discussion of the options a MOTION, was made by Member Burrows and seconded by Member Massfeller, “*to approve the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness authorizing demolition of the above referenced structure.*” Chair Cardwell requested a roll call vote. Casting aye votes, to allow demolition, were Members Wagner, Burrows, Massfeller and Graham. Voting nay was Chair Cardwell and Members Herrin and Nutt. Member Kemp recused herself from the vote based upon her involvement as a Realtor in the sale of the property to Mr. Hagood. The motion was approved by a vote of four to three.

After the vote there was discussion regarding handling similar requests in the future. The board felt that in this instance that the Historic Preservation Officer had not been given adequate opportunity to inspect this property prior to bringing the issue to the Board for a decision. As a result a MOTION was made by Member Wagner and seconded by Member Massfeller, “*Instructing Staff not to bring demolition requests to the Board for decision until such time as all relevant information has been obtained, to Historic Preservation Officer’s satisfaction, including complete interior and exterior on-site inspection if so required.*” Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Osteen Historic Marker – Ms. Scofield provided an update. This marker is not eligible for a state marker. In order to keep within the approved budget of \$2,500, staff is recommending that the old bronze plaque be removed and replaced by a marble plaque to be mounted on the existing coquina boulder. The Saul Family is not interested in keeping the old marker. Member Nutt will look into whether the Enterprise Preservation Society may wish to have it. By the next meeting, Staff should have a detailed quote.

**B. Approval of 2006 Budget** – This item was continued from the last meeting. At that time, the Board requested that a line item be added and a small amount of money allocated for recognition awards. Staff reported that this request was addressed and that Ms. Maddox advised that these type requests would be covered under a general overhead account and would not have to be specifically reflected in the Board’s budget. The budget as presented is derived from the continuation of on-going expenses from last year’s budget plus the addition of two new projects; Southern Passages and the County Historic Website improvement project.

**MOTION** by Member Herrin, seconded by Member Nutt, *“To approve the budget as presented.*  
The Motion carried unanimously

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS**

Ms. Scofield reported on the recent public meeting held at the Seville Elementary School regarding efforts to protect and preserve the school building once the School Board de-commissions it after 2011. Laura and Damon Creel from Seville spoke to the Board to thank the County for their interest in this matter and to solicit continuing support. Staff reported that the County would be working with citizens of Seville and the Board to locally designate this historic building, and to prepare a nomination for the National Register of Historic Places. (Local designation is also being sought for the Rio Vista Subdivision Arch.) Member Nutt requested that the Board consider some sort of recognition for Pat Drago from the School Board for her efforts on behalf of the Seville School.

Ms. Scofield reported on the County’s Application for Special Category Grants for DeBary Hall and the Dunlawton Sugar Mill ruins. She asked members to furnish recommendations for support letters. She provided members packages of sample letters and descriptions of the projects.

Ms. Scofield provided updates on the New Smyrna and Dunlawton Sugar Mill projects. She advised work should resume soon on the New Smyrna project. The Dunlawton project is still awaiting approval from the City of Port Orange for a wind loading variance for the roof-over.

Mr. Fincher distributed information on the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year and advised that all locations had been firmed up with the exception of the last meeting in November in Enterprise. Member Nutt advised that he would make sure we had a place there, either at the Historic Episcopal Church or the Enterprise Heritage Center.

Mr. Fincher distributed information about a new non-profit organization, Cinderic Documentaries, which was recently formed to produce photo documentaries of an historic or cultural nature in Volusia County. They would be producing oral histories and other similar projects. The founder, Mr. Eric Dusenbury, will most likely be contacting HPB Members to introduce himself and the organization’s programs.

Member Herrin advised that the New Smyrna Beach HPB has denied demolition of the Faulkner Property and they are currently in the process of developing a Historic Preservation Ordinance.

If this ordinance fails to pass, a Citizen’s Group will push the NSB City Council to approve an automatic demolition delay. Member Herrin inquired of Ms. Brennan, Staff Counsel, if the County’s minimum environmental standards can be applied within municipal jurisdictions. She agreed to check and report back through Staff.

Member Wagner advised that the Halifax Heritage Trust, a 501(c)3 organization has recently been established for the purpose of protecting historic beach side neighborhoods from being destroyed for condo development. This board will address all beachside communities, not just Daytona Beach. The next meeting will be held at Lilian Place on April 20, 2006.

Chair Cardwell announced two upcoming events with the Port Orange Historical Trust. On April 9 at 2:00 p.m. they will hold “Springtime in the Gardens” at the Dunlawton Sugar Mills and Botanical Garden and on April 26 at 2:00 pm they will celebrate Port Orange Founders Day at their offices at 3431 Ridgewood Avenue.

**PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dot Moore, archeologist from New Smyrna, asked whether archeological sites are included on County Site Files for review prior to approval of building, zoning or code variance actions. Ms. Scofield advised that historic archeological sites, if so designated, do appear in site files for review.

Ms. Moore also asked about what can be done with regard to an archeologically designated property locally called the Indigo Vats that is within the unincorporated area of the County. It is on the west side of U.S. 1, known as the Blanchette property. It is in eminent danger of being sold for development. Ms. Scofield said she would look into the designation and see what protection might be available from the Board and report back at the next meeting.

Harold Cardwell requested that the HPB consider funding and placing two additional historical markers in Daytona Beach Shores and New Smyrna Beach to recognize beach racing speed records. Staff is to look into this and report on feasibility.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business of the Board, Chair Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 5:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Fincher, Recording Secretary/Cultural Coordinator

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Chair

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Secretary