

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

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MAY 23, 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 the Black Heritage Museum, 314 N. Duss St., New Smyrna Beach, Florida. Ms. Scofield introduced Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney, who will serve as Staff Counsel to the Board replacing Mary Brennan.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

Priscilla Cardwell, **Chair**
John Wagner, **Vice-Chair**
Judy Burrows
Warren Graham
Barbara Herrin
Tom Massfeller

MEMBER(S) ABSENT:

Bruce Piatek, Maureen Kemp, Riley Nutt
Chair Cardwell declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

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

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Jessi Smith, Jimmy Harrell, Mary Harrell, Pete Slavin (New Smyrna Observer)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Graham made a **MOTION** to *approve the Minutes of March 21, 2006 as presented.*
Member Herrin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None

OLD BUSINESS

Osteen Historic (Saul's) Marker – Ms. Scofield showed samples of proposed marker material and read a draft of the text as approved by the interested family members. Staff is still working on getting a final cost based on the proposed design for the next meeting.

Seville School Local Designation - Ms. Scofield provided an update on the application for local designation as well as the nomination to the National Register.

Blanchette Property – The archeological site known as the “Indigo Vats” on property west of U.S. 1 in the unincorporated County area north of New Smyrna was discussed. This property is in danger of being sold for development and staff was asked to look into local designation. Ms. Scofield reported that the property is already listed in the County’s Master Site File and any zoning action would require review.

NEW BUSINESS

History of Speed Markers – Harold D. Cardwell, Sr. presented a request that the Board look into placing two Commemorative Historic Racing Markers. One to be placed in the area of Daytona Beach Shores at Bellemeade Park and Simpson Street Park commemorating a Measured Mile land speed record and a 3.2 mile road/beach course used by stock cars and motorcycles from 1928-1948. The other should be placed in Ponce Inlet at Beach Street commemorating a 4.1 mile road/beach course used by stock cars and motorcycles from 1948-1958.

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** to add this project to the budget for 2007. Member Massfeller seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS

Member Wagner reported that the Halifax Historical Preservation Trust was moving forward well. There are approximately 100 members. Membership is \$25 per year. The group is eastside based and not strictly focused on Daytona Beach. Nancy Long has been elected President. They are partnering with the “Save Our Neighborhoods” group. Lillian Place is the catalyst for this effort.

Member Burrows announced that the New Smyrna Historic Preservation Commission will have 2-3 openings in the near future and asked the Board for any recommendations they might have. John Wagner recommended Pat Skirtic.

Member Herrin asked for clarification about an article in the newspaper that made it sound like the New Smyrna Beach Sugar Mill restoration project was running out of money. Ms. Scofield explained that the project contract will go before Council and is expected to be approved; funding has already been dedicated to the project. The original plans to stabilize the walls required work at the foundation level, but after conferring with the State Archaeologist and Preservation Architect, it was determined that a better strategy was to reinforce the top of the wall with a steel rod that will be concealed by coquina. Staff hopes to have the contractors back on site this summer to complete the project.

Member Massfeller provided an update on the Three Chimneys site in Ormond Beach. He advised that new damage has occurred recently due to the extreme dry weather. Funding support to stabilize the ruins is being sought from the State of Florida.

Member Graham advised that DeBary is applying for an archeological designation for the Oglesby property which is jointly owned by the City and the County. Nancy Maddox recommended that the HPB issued a letter in support of the designation.

Chair Cardwell advised that she and Harold would be attending the upcoming State Historical Conference in Ft. Myers.

PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Harold Cardwell advised that several Kings Highway markers have recently gone missing. It is believed that they were stolen for the value of the bronze. There was much discussion regarding a complete mapping of designation of the historic roadway such as has been done in Flagler County. Member Wagner asked about County efforts in this regard. Julie Scofield advised that a linear designation could be done, but it would involve a commitment of 50% of the property owners and it would be a very labor intensive project with minimal staff available to work on it.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mike Fincher announced that the next meeting would be held at the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts in Barberville on July 25, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.

There being no more business of the Board, Chair Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Recording Secretary/Cultural Coordinator

Date_____

Chair

Secretary