

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

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May 26, 2009

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30 P.M. on May 26, 2009 in the meeting room at the Southeast Volusia Historical Society Museum in New Smyrna Beach.

ROLL CALL:

Upon roll call the following Members answered present to wit:

John Wagner, Chair
Riley Nutt, Vice Chair
Priscilla Cardwell, Secretary
Sid Corhern
Bill Fraser
Gary Meadows
Dot Moore

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: -

Mark Shuttleworth
Jon Benn

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Christine French, Administrative Coordinator II, Recording Secretary
Nancy Maddox, Cultural and Heritage Activity Director

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - January 27, 2009 Regular Meeting

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of January 27, 2009 as presented.”*
Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Election of Officers:

Chair Wagner opened the nominations for Officers.

Member Fraser nominated John Wagner for Chairman. Member Corhern seconded the nomination. Nomination of John Wagner for Chairman passed unanimously.

Member Cardwell nominated Riley Nutt as Vice Chair. Member Fraser seconded the nomination. Nomination of Riley Nutt as Vice Chair passed unanimously.

Member Corhern nominated Priscilla Cardwell as Secretary. Member Fraser seconded the nomination. Nomination of Priscilla Cardwell passed unanimously.

Bylaw Changes:

Chair Wagner discussed the bylaw changes for the Historical Preservation Board.

Gary Meadows made a motion to hold future elections of board officers in May.

Member Corhern seconded the motion. Motion to hold future elections of board officers in May approved unanimously.

B. Report on Certified Local Government Application Status:

Julie Scofield gave the report on the application status. The state has approved the application and forwarded the application for further approval to the National Park Service. There will be an answer on the official status within 30 days. This past Thursday County Council signed a service agreement with the State. There will be a workshop at either the September or November meeting focusing on design review criteria and process for this board and other certified local government board members in the area.

NEW BUSINESS: -

A. July meeting date:

July meeting date will be changed to July 21, 2009. If there is no public hearing, the meeting will be held at Snell Legal offices in Ormond Beach.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Chair Wagner recognized Nancy Maddox as the President of the Florida Historic Trust for Preservation. He asked her to give a report on the conference she attended in Palm Beach, FL. Member Nutt brought up license plates to raise money. Ms. Maddox advised that at this point and time there is a moratorium on creating new license plates.

Ms. Scofield gave an update on the Blanchette project.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Florida Forever program and the Volusia Forever Program.

Mr. Nutt discussed the new programs being held at DeBary Hall. He advised that he is very impressed with the new Program Coordinator, Heather Hohman. He briefly went over the Lemonade Lectures that will be starting at DeBary Hall and who will be coming to present at these lectures. He gave kudos to Volusia County for the people who have been hired to run DeBary Hall.

Ms. Cardwell discussed her visit to the Dunlawton Sugar Mill construction project. She announced that the Port Orange Historic Trust is still accepting photos and images for their collection.

Mr. Meadows discussed the Athens Theatre and some issues they are having with the restoration. He mentioned the new Environmental Center next to the Gillespie Museum at Stetson and discussed what they will be doing there. He advised that the new president of Stetson will be arriving next week and she is the first woman president of Stetson University. He also briefly discussed an old spring that is under Saxon Blvd.

Ms. Moore reported that the Blanchette draft report was completed and the final report will be completed by the end of June. She inquired if Reid Hughes had any involvement in the Blanchette site or might possibly help fund future work on the site. She also asked Ms. Maddox if there was a budget for this year, and if the archaeology lab and storage project would receive funding from this board next year. Ms. Maddox advised that she had requested that they receive the same amount as last year, but she won't know definitely until Sept. 30th when the final budget is approved. Ms. Moore discussed two upcoming events one June 11-13 which is a free conference dealing with the historic cemeteries to be held in St. Augustine; and a teacher's education program Aug. 12-14th at DeBary Hall which has a \$10 fee for registration.

Mr. Corhern announced that the Oakhill VIA Hall preservation project will be finished in June and ready for public use. He is also involved in a project to potentially adapt a historic building for educational use in Ponce Inlet.

Chair Wagner gave a report on the Heritage Preservation Trust's recent meeting.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS – Harold Cardwell, Sr. congratulated Nancy on her election as president to the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation. He is a member of the Daytona Beach Historic Preservation Board and he advised that they are making some changes within that organization. He brought up the Dunlawton Sugar Mill machinery and the fact that the equipment has not been working correctly for a number of years and was put back together incorrectly. His suggestion is to leave it as it is currently, as most visitors do not know the difference. He does feel that the foundation under the boiler needs to be repaired. He also provided a list of maintenance and preservation issues for the Halifax Historical Society Museum Building on Beach Street, which is owned by Volusia County. Julie Scofield advised that she would work with facilities staff regarding preservation standards to follow, and request immediate attention to address any critical issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Christine French, Administration Coordinator II

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____