

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

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**July 25, 2006**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Cardwell called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:00 P.M. on July 25, 2006 at the Pioneer Settlement for the Creative Arts, Hwy 40, Barberville, Florida.

**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  
Bruce Piatek

Members Nutt and Kemp joined the meeting after roll call.

**MEMBER(S) ABSENT:** - None

Chair Cardwell declared a quorum was present.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

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, Carol Youngblood, Warren Van Hoose, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Somethurst, Mary Lee Prevatt, Jimmy Cade, Laura Creel, Saul Irvin

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The following changes to the minutes of the May 23, 2006 meeting were identified. Under New Business, amend the reference from Bellemeade Drive to Bellemeade Park. Also under first item in Member/Staff Items, amend Halifax Preservation Trust to Halifax Historic Preservation Trust. Member Wagner made a **MOTION** to *approve the Minutes of March 21, 2006 as amended*. Member Burrows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

D-01-06 Request from the Volusia County School Board for a Certificate of Designation of Historic Buildings for historical structure known as the Seville Elementary School located at 1591 U.S. Hwy. 17 on the following parcel of land to wit: Within Section 5 1/4, Township 14 South, range 28 East, Poppell's Addition, Block 39, Lot 123 per the Public Records of Volusia County, Florida.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report outlining the building's physical and architectural characteristics, its historical significance and the future re-use potential. Staff recommended approval of the Request for Designation. Member Wagner had just toured the building and provided the board with a detailed report on the property and expressed his enthusiastic support for the request. Members of the public from the Seville area also spoke on behalf of the request.

Member Massfeller made a **MOTION** *"to approve request D-01-06 Request for Certificate of Designation as presented in the Staff Report."* Member Burrows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Osteen Historic (Saul's) Marker – Ms. Scofield advised that the granite for the base was on order and it was expected that the marker will be completed and installed on site within a month.

Seville School Update – In addition to the above designation effort, the following items relative to the Seville School were also discussed. Member Piatek raised the question about whether the County might issue a press release about the designation and also recognize the School Board for their support of this effort. Staff will address this request.

Ms. Scofield addressed potential plans for the building and said that she was trying to identify potential organizations to partner with the Seville Preservation group to raise funds to acquire the building when the School Board decommissions it in five years. She is meeting with Rene Tallavast of the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor organization about the possibility of acquiring the building for use as a visitor's center.

Pelham Square Project – Member Wagner provided an update on the County Council Meeting where the Council overturned the recommendation of the PLDRC and approved the development of the Pelham Square Historic District as previously supported by the HPB's issuance of a COA. He advised that he spoke in favor of the project and presented the HPB's position, making it clear to the County Council that the HPB did not address density but rather preservation of historic character. Ms. Scofield advised that the developer will have to bring all design plans and project changes through the HPB for additional COAs prior to any construction activity.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

DeLand Train Station – Ms. Scofield provided an update on the current restoration effort. The platform has been replaced and the canopy is being painted and repaired from the fire damage that occurred years ago. Amtrak is trying to find additional funds to repaint and make repairs to the interior of the station.

Lake Colby Interpretive Project – Ms. Scofield advised that the County was doing some renovation to the park and as a part of the project approximately \$5,000 has been made available to do some minor interpretive signage about the George Colby house. She is currently attempting to locate historical information about the property to use for this effort and asked the members for their assistance in locating any old photos of the house and property.

Florida Public Archeology Network (FPAN) RFP – Ms. Scofield provided the Board with information from FPAN regarding an upcoming Request for Proposal for the creation of a new Regional Network Center. Currently there are four Regional Centers; Pensacola, Tampa, Pineland and St. Augustine. Ms. Scofield advised that the only way it would be practical for Volusia County to propose a center would be to work with a partner organization such as Stetson or other University who could provide space and facility support for the Center office. An annual grant from the University of West Florida will provide funding for professional staff and operation expense. The deadline for submitting a response to this RFP is October 25, 2006.

Member Herrin made a **MOTION** *“To direct staff to work on identifying potential partners to work with the County on developing a joint proposal for a regional center.”* Member Nutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. A task team consisting of Members Nutt, Piatek and Kemp was appointed by Chair Cardwell to assist staff in this effort.

## **MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS**

Member Nutt advised that there is construction going on at the Florida Methodist Children’s Home in Enterprise and that he had seen a lot of large live oak debris being hauled away from the site. He wanted to know if anyone was aware of any removal of historically protected live oaks. Ms. Scofield advised that removal of any such trees from the property requires approval from County staff and that she was not aware of any request having been made.

Member Piatek advised that the buildings moved from the Strawn property to the Agricultural Museum have all been placed on site with new foundations and roofs are currently being replaced on the two main buildings. The museum has been approved for a \$350,000 grant from the State of Florida to assist with the restoration effort. Plans are also underway to start collecting oral histories from the Strawn family members and other members of the community who used to work on the Strawn farm.

Member Massfeller met with an employee of Bulow Creek State Park. He is looking for information that anyone might have on the Knox house or Mangrove Packing House located north of Ormond Beach.

Mr. Wagner stated that he had visited Enterprise and was impressed with the efforts of the community to preserve the area’s historic character and also recognized Member Nutt for his efforts in keeping area roadways clean.

Chair Cardwell advised that she and Harold have written another book, “A History of Dunlawton Plantation” It is currently at the printers and should be available in about a month. She and Harold recently attended the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation conference in St. Augustine and the Florida Historical Society Conference in Naples.

Ms. Scofield advised that the Motorsports Association will be attending the County Council meeting on August 10, 2006 to thank the Council for their support. She encouraged all HPB members who can to attend since the HPB provided funding support to the Association and should receive recognition.

Mike Fincher announced that the next regular meeting would be held at the Anderson Price Memorial Building in Ormond Beach on September 26, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. and the November meeting will be held on November 14, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Enterprise.

Ms. Scofield advised that she expected that the Pelham Square Developers are likely to have several requests for COAs beginning as early as January 2007 and it may be necessary to hold some special meetings to address these requests. She recommended that these meetings be held in DeLand in a more formal meeting facility to accommodate the large number of members from the public that are likely to attend.

Member Nutt addressed the need to recognize various individuals and organizations for their contribution to historic preservation and asked what the best way would be to accomplish this. Ms. Scofield recommended that an Annual Awards Program be implemented to handle this need.

Member Nutt made a **MOTION** “*To establish an Annual Awards Program to recognize outstanding support of Historic Preservation in Volusia County.*” Member Wagner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business of the Board, Chair Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Fincher, Recording Secretary/Cultural Coordinator

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Chair

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Secretary