

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



September 23, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:33 P.M. on September 23, 2008 in the County Council Chambers at the Thomas C. Kelly Administration Center in DeLand.

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
Gary Meadows
Dot Moore
Warren VanHoose

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - None

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy Maddox, Cultural & Recreation Manager
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney, Staff Counsel
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator
Tom Baskett, Public Historian

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., James Hanis, Kay Hanis, Mickey Nutt, Eileen Wright, Norma Adamczyk, Gayellen Wagner, Jim Yates, Kathy Seaman, Ruth Perry, Jon Robbins, Mark Shuttleworth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - May 27, 2008 Regular Meeting

Member Moore made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of May 27, 2008 as presented.”*
Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION – Ms. Maddox introduced Mr. Tim Baylie, the new Director of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Division for Volusia County.

AWARDS PRESENTATION – Ms. Maddox presented awards from the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation to: Mr. Jon Robbins, McMahan Construction Co.; Mr. Sid Corhern, Architect; Ms. Ruth Perry, Bellomo-Herbert & Co. Inc.; Mr. Mark Shuttleworth, Florida Victorian Architectural Antiques, Mr. Jim Yates, County of Volusia for their work on the restoration and adaptive re-use of the DeBary Hall stables.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

D-08-01: Application for the Certificate of Designation of the Enterprise Historic District, boundaries generally take in properties south of Lexington Avenue and north of Lakeshore Dr.; between Clark Street and Madison Place, and including the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home west of Main Street, Enterprise, FL.

Ms. Scofield presented a presentation describing the background for the application, the process, and content of the district. She submitted a Staff Report and overlay map. Staff recommended approval and noted that no objections have been received from the public.

Several questions were asked by the Board relative to historic marker locations within the proposed district and also information regarding the total size of the district. Staff to research the question regarding size and report this information back at a future date.

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** “*To approve the Application for Certificate of Designation D-08-01 as presented in the Staff Report.*” Member Nutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Copy of Staff Report filed and posted with Minutes as part of the official record.)

D-08-02: Application for Certificate of Designation of the historic structures known as Trinity United Methodist Church at 185 Lemon Rd. Seville, FL (Also known as Volusia County tax parcel # 4805-01-43-0010.)

Ms. Scofield presented a presentation describing the background for the application, the criteria and the building’s qualifications for designation. She submitted a Staff Report with photographs. Staff recommended approval and noted that no objections have been received from the public.

The applicant, Mr. Jim Hannis spoke in support of the request and thanked Staff for their efforts. Ms. Scofield noted that the application was made with the approval of the owner of building.

Member Meadows made a **MOTION** “*To approve the Application for Certificate of Designation D-08-02 as presented in the Staff Report.*” Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Copy of Staff Report filed and posted with Minutes as part of the official record.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on COA for the Superintendents House at the Progress Energy Site in Enterprise – Member Nutt reported that the recent tropical storm caused additional water intrusion into the building and as a result, black mold has developed. Also, the cost for re-locating and stabilizing the building is in excess of the building's value. Therefore, the Enterprise Historical Conservancy has abandoned their plans for adaptive re-use of the building. Progress Energy will now proceed with the plans to demolish the building in accordance with the approval provided by the board in March 2008 subject to the conditions imposed requiring that as many significant architectural elements (predominately the casement windows) as possible be salvaged first.

NEW BUSINESS: - None

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Mr. VanHoose reported that he has accepted employment out of state and will be resigning from the board in the next few weeks. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the Board and thanked all the members for their support.

Ms. Moore asked if the Board had a budget for the upcoming fiscal year beginning October 1, Ms. Maddox reported that the only funds allocated were for the artifact and document storage fees paid to the Southeast Volusia Historical Society and West Volusia Historical Society. That being the case, she said she would not be making a request for funding additional British Colonial History archeological studies for a site near Oak Hill.

Ms. Moore announced that there would be a Founders Day celebration in New Smyrna on September 27 honoring the original founding of the Andrew Turnbull colony known as the Smyrnea Settlement. The British Broadcasting Company will be doing some filming during the event.

Ms. Moore asked if the HPB can do anything to help promote New Smyrna Beach's National Register efforts and also to help encourage the First Presbyterian Church to perform archeological work on the property being designated as an overflow parking area.

Ms. Scofield advised that some of the Blanchette grant requires publicity and could include some reference to other significant properties in the area as well..

She also suggested that even though the district is not within the Board's jurisdiction, the Board could still issue a letter to the First Presbyterian Church encouraging their participation in archeological efforts on their property.

Chair Wagner asked whether the Board wished to entertain a motion instructing Staff to prepare a letter of support.

Member Moore made a **MOTION** *“To request Staff to prepare a letter for the Chair’s signature encouraging the First Presbyterian Church of New Smyrna Beach to perform archeological work on property designated as an overflow parking area.”* Member Corhern seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Meadows announced that Stetson University was beginning the celebration of the 125th anniversary of their founding making it the oldest private University in the State. He also advised that three new construction projects were currently underway or planned to coincide with the official celebration next year.

Member Cardwell announced the Port Orange Historical Trust annual Port Orange Elementary School re-union date of October 4.

Member Cardwell also advised that she had received a post card about the FPAN sponsored Planners Workshop scheduled for October and when she called FPAN to inquire about it she was treated very rudely so she advised that she will not be attending.

Member Benn announced that the contract for the Conrad Center expansion in Deland had been approved and work would begin in a month or so. He also reported that the Athens Theatre is scheduled for a public showing on November 21 with the official Grand Opening to take place in January. He also announced the Dutton House Brewfest on September 27 and the WVHS Chili Cook-off on October 4.

Member Nutt recognized and thanked several residents of Enterprise that came to show support for the District; Mickey Nutt, Eileen Wright, Norma Adamczyk and Kathy Seaman. He also expressed his appreciation to Ms. Scofield for her efforts with the Enterprise District designation.

Member Corhern reported the Oak Hill VIA building bids are back and that work should start in about a month.

Chair Wagner reported on his visit to the Florida Agricultural Museum in Flagler County and recommended that members try to visit now while the current exhibit of photographs and oral history entitled “Crocker Sacks and Catfish Stew” by Cinderic Documentaries is on display.

Ms. Scofield announced the opening of Green Springs Park on September 27th. Tom Baskett has created a number of interpretive panels focusing on the history of that area of West Volusia County.

Ms. Scofield reminded the Board that the next meeting is when the Most Endangered Historic Properties List is finalized for transmittal to the ECHO Board for their use in the rankings for any historic properties on the list applying for an ECHO grant.

Members should get the information to her for any recommendations prior to the meeting so they can be discussed and added then.

Ms. Scofield announced that the Blanchette site State grant had been approved for funding in the amount of \$86,000 and the survey work should begin very soon.

Ms. Scofield mentioned the “Planners Go Underground” workshop being jointly sponsored by Volusia County & FPAN to be held at the Atlantic Center for the Arts on October 28.

Ms. Scofield advised that the ECHO project at the New Smyrna Sugar Mill project has been completed and all restoration work and interpretive panels are in place. She also advised that we have now received an approved bid for the Dunlawton Ruins roof over project.

Ms. Maddox announced that the DeBary Hall Stables project not only won the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Award but also a NACO (National Association of Counties) adaptive re-use award as well.

Ms. Maddox announced that a statewide task force has been formed that deals with collections and that Volusia County would be participating in this effort through the membership in the Florida Association of Museums. One of the public forum meetings is to be held at DeBary Hall in January 2009. Florida is one of only 19 states chosen to participate in this program.

M. Fincher announced that the next meeting would be November 18th instead of the 25th due to Thanksgiving week. He will confirm the location with the Southeast Volusia Historical Society Museum.

M. Fincher announced that Nancy Maddox was elected incoming President of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation.

Member Cardwell announced that Harold Cardwell has been re-appointed to the Florida Historical Society Board of Directors through 2012.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____