

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



November 14, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Cardwell called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:04 P.M. on November 14, 2006 at the DeLand City Hall Annex, 121 W. Indiana Avenue, DeLand, 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
Riley Nutt (Joined late)
Tom Massfeller

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - Bruce Piatek, Maureen Kemp

Chair Cardwell declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Nancy Maddox, Cultural & Heritage Activity Director
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Michael Dyer, Deputy County Attorney
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Jessi Smith, Dorothy Smalbein, Albert Vilanova, Joe Crews, Renee Tallevast, Monso Tatum, Chris Fenwick, Mark Strawn, Wally Temple

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Member Graham made a **MOTION** “to approve the Minutes of September 26, 2006 as presented.” Member Wagner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A-06-02 (Continued from 9/26/06 Meeting) - **Application by the owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of an historical structure located at 4035 S. Atlantic Ave., Wilbur-by-the-Sea.**

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report recommending approval of the COA request for demolition due to undue economic hardship. The structure suffered significant damage during the hurricanes of 2004 and the cost of repair would be prohibitive.

The applicant, Ms. Smalbein, introduced Albert Vilanova, a structural engineer hired by the applicant to assess the damage and recommend appropriate action. He confirmed the findings in the Staff Report.

Members Wagner, Massfeller and Graham advised that they visited the site and are of the opinion that repairs would not be economically feasible.

Member Herrin made a **MOTION** *“to approve A-06-02 Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of historic structure located at 4035 S. Atlantic Ave., Wilbur-by-the-Sea.* Member Burrows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A-06-03 – **Application by the owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of twelve historic structures known as the Bob White Citrus Packing House National Register Historic District, 5707 Lake Winona Road, DeLeon Springs.**

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report recommending denial of the COA request for demolition based upon the local and national historic significance of the properties.

Mark Strawn, the applicant, spoke in support of his application and advised that if the County considered the properties to be of value, the County should purchase them.

M. Fincher read a letter into the record from Forest G. Michael, Winter Park Historical Association requesting that approval of the demolition request be denied and that the properties be included somehow in the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor Scenic Highway project.

Member Herrin asked about the status of the River of Lakes effort. Ms. Scofield asked Rene Tallevast, Executive Director of the program, to provide a brief status report on the project. Ms. Tallevast advised that a year ago the Trust for Public Lands had made an effort to purchase the property for use as a part of the scenic highway project but were not successful and the property was subsequently removed from the market.

Monso Tatum of the Pioneer Settlement in Barberville spoke regarding previous interest shown by the Strawn family several years ago in donating the packing house to the Pioneer Settlement. The cost of relocating, restoring and operating the facility was prohibitive at that time and no agreement was ever reached. Jessi Smith, Executive Director of the Pioneer Settlement expressed her opinion that these properties are of sufficient enough historic significance that if a group was to acquire the property, the group should be able to raise the money necessary for restoration from grants and/or fundraising efforts.

The Board asked the owner to comment on the issue of acquisition of the property by the Trust for Public Lands. He stated that sale to the Trust was not an option that he would consider but he did not choose to elaborate any further as to why not.

The Board asked staff what options they had as regards making a decision. Mr. Dyer, as counsel to the board, advised that options available were: to approve, to deny, to approve with conditions or to suspend decision for 180 days.

Member Herrin made a **MOTION** “*to deny A-06-03 Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of twelve historic structures known as the Bob White Citrus Packing House National Register Historic District, 5707 Lake Winona Road, DeLeon Springs*” Member Wagner seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for and the motion to deny was carried unanimously.

A-06-04– Application by the owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the relocation of an historic structure known as The Knobb, Pelham Square Historic District, 460 S. Grand Avenue, DeLand.

Ms. Scofield presented a staff report recommending approval of the request. This is part of a previous COA approved last year for the development of the Pelham Square Historic District that called for all new construction design, demolition or relocation within the district to be brought back to the Board for approval.

Wally Temple, representing the Pelham Square Partnership, spoke in support of the owner’s application on her behalf since she was not able to attend due to a family emergency. He showed a map of the existing site and the area where the building would be moved to. He described the agreement that the partnership had reached with the owner regarding the proposed relocation.

Chris Fenwick spoke in opposition to the application and took exception to the staff report’s description of the architectural style of the buildings on the subject property. He stated that the site’s buildings should remain together for historical accuracy.

Mary Ann McGuire spoke in opposition of the application. She maintains that the original historic district designation identified all the buildings on the subject property as a complex representing a major agricultural site of historical significance.

Several board members expressed concern that when the original COA was approved, they were under the impression that none of the historic structures would be affected.

Ms. Scofield pointed out that this is a unique case in that a COA is even being required. Typically, relocation of an historic structure within a designated historic district ,by ordinance, does not require approval. It is being done in this case because of the special circumstances under which this development activity is being monitored.

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** “*to approve A-06-04 Request for Certificate of Appropriateness for the relocation of historic structure known as The Knobb located in the Pelham Square Historic District at 460 S. Grand Avenue, DeLand.* Member Graham seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called for with members voting as follows, Mr. Massfeller - Yes, Mrs. Herrin – No, Ms. Burrows - No, Mr. Graham - Yes, Mr. Wagner - Yes, Mr. Nutt - No, Ms. Cardwell - Yes. The motion failed because of lack of a super majority of five affirmative votes needed for approval of a COA.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

Saul Family Marker Dedication - Ms. Scofield advised that the marker is finished and the old marker moved. The new marker will be installed within the next several weeks. The Board discussed which groups should be involved in the event. It was recommended that the County Council, the West Volusia Historical Society, the Enterprise Preservation Society, The City of Deltona, the Osteen Civic Association and the family members involved be invited.

Board Goals for 2007 – Ms. Scofield provided a list of the 2006 goals and potential new goals for consideration. Mr. Wagner recommended that continued maintenance of the top 10 most endangered properties list be added. Final recommendation was to keep goals one, two and five from 2006, accept all of the suggested 2007 goals and the addition of the Endangered Properties list effort.

Member Wagner made a **MOTION** “*to approve the Goals List as modified.*” Member Herrin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Support Letter for National Register Archeological Multiple Resource Listing for New Smyrna Beach archeological sites – Ms. Scofield read a draft letter she prepared for submission by the Board to Barbara Mattick, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Register, nominating various Volusia County archeological sites for designation.

Member Massfeller made a **MOTION** “*to approve submission of the letter as presented.*” Member Burrows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

January 2007 Meeting – M. Fincher requested that the January 2007 meeting be held on January 30th as opposed to January 23rd due to a staff availability conflict. It will be held at the Library Support Center, 1290 Indian Lake Road, Daytona Beach. Members agreed to the January 30 meeting date.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS

Ms. Scofield announced that the ribbon cutting for the restored DeLand Amtrak Station is scheduled for December 21 at noon.

Member Burrows announced that Turnbull Colony exhibit opened at the S.E. Volusia Historical Museum and invited all Boards members to visit.

Member Herrin inquired about the Turnbull Colony video produced by S.E. Volusia Historical Society and asked if there was any way to get a copy in order to view it. Member Burrows to see if she can get additional copies for distribution to members.

Chair Cardwell announced that she and Harold have completed a new book entitled *The Story of the Dunlawton Plantation*. They also have another new book, *Historic Photographs of Daytona Beach* currently at the printers for release soon.

Member Wagner announced that the Heritage Preservation Trust has received their 501(c)3 designation. Also, they are currently working with George Sibley, who produced the Turnbull video, to do a video for the Trust about the Daytona Beach area.

Member Wagner also announced the Halifax Historical Museum had recently held their first Gala fundraiser at a prestigious historical home in Daytona Beach. Over 150 guests attended at \$50 per person.

Member Nutt commented how proud he is of the importance that is paid to heritage and historical preservation in Volusia County. He thought that while growth was a major consideration in many races in the recent election, preserving our heritage was given much emphasis by a number of candidates including the newly elected County Council member from District Five, Pat Northey.

PRESS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jessi Smith of the Pioneer Settlement announced the completion of the restoration of the 1919 Barberville High School property. A ribbon cutting was held at their recent Jamboree. Also, she announced that the Underhill House Special Category State grant application scored well at the recent grant review in Tallahassee. They are looking forward to receiving \$250,000 in funding from this grant in 2007.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business of the Board, Chair Cardwell adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date_____

Chair

Secretary