

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



November 18, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:34 P.M. on November 18, 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 (arrived after roll-call)
Priscilla Cardwell, Secretary
Sid Corhern
Bill Fraser
Gary Meadows
Dot Moore
Mark Shuttleworth (arrived after roll-call)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - Mr. Benn

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Tim Baylie, Director, Parks, Recreation & Culture
Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Michael Dyer, Assistant County Attorney, Staff Counsel
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator, Recording Secretary

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Mark Matzinger, Robert Mills, Heather Hohman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - September 23, 2008 Regular Meeting

Member Moore made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of September 23, 2008 as presented.”* Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

A-08-02 Application by owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction to a historic structure known as the Enterprise School/Enterprise Heritage Center located at 360 Main Street, Enterprise, FL in the Enterprise Historic District, Parcel ID# 9001-05-08-0010.

The applicant, Mr. Mark Matzinger, Vice Chair, of the Enterprise Preservation Society (EPS), spoke on behalf of EPS and advised that the Staff Report, as presented, accurately represents their request. Ms. Scofield advised that the project was consistent with the all applicable design criteria and was reviewed against the original building plans. Member Nutt stated that he had been working with EPS on this project for some time and enthusiastically endorses the proposal. Staff recommended approval and noted that no objections have been received from the public.

Member Corhern recused himself from voting on the application citing a conflict of interest having been retained as a professional architect by the applicant to draw up the plans.

Member Nutt made a **MOTION** *“To approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for New Construction A-08-02 as presented in the Staff Report.”* Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a vote of seven ayes with one abstention. (Copy of Staff Report filed and posted with Minutes as part of the official record.)

A-08-03: Application by owner for a Certificate of Appropriateness for Exterior Alternation to a historic structure known as the Wilbur Boathouse, 4200 S. Peninsula Drive, Wilbur by the Sea, Volusia County tax parcel # 6312-04-00-4230.

The applicant, Mr. Robert Mills, Past President and current Treasurer of the Wilbur Boathouse Association, spoke on behalf of the application. The request is for a waiver to re-roof a portion of the annex building with non-conforming roofing materials in order to mitigate roof alleged failure that the applicant maintains was caused by the use of nails that did not meet the construction specification calling for stainless steel or hot dipped galvanized nails. The County is still investigating this claim and plans to have the nail’s content analyzed by a metallurgist. Mr. Mills stated that the Contractor has not accepted responsibility for the problem and the Association does not have the financial ability to use the more expensive wood shingles that meet the Secretary of the Interior’s historic preservation standards. According to Mr. Mills, failure of the annex roof is severe enough to require replacement right away in order to prevent further damage to the rest of the structure.

Ms. Scofield clarified that the request to this Board for exterior alternation must be reviewed solely against conformance to the Secretary of the Interior’s guidelines without respect as to who is responsible for the roof repair.

Mr. Dyer, Staff Counsel, cited the relevant portion of the Historic Preservation Ordinance that addresses the consideration criteria that the board must use in making this quasi-judicial decision. He pointed out that financial hardship is not one of the identified criteria. He also pointed out that if the Board chooses to deny the application, there is nothing preventing the applicant from applying again in the future with additional information or circumstances.

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** *“To deny the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness A-08-03 as presented in the Staff Report w/further recommendation that the applicant re-apply with additional information at a future date.”* Member Fraser seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (Copy of Staff Report filed and posted with Minutes as part of the official record.)

OLD BUSINESS:

Final Approval for transmittal of Most Endangered Historic Properties List to ECHO Board

Ms. Scofield presented the list as revised incorporating the Samsula Elementary School and requested that the list be approved for transmittal to ECHO.

Member Cardwell made a **MOTION** *“To approve the MEHP list as presented.”* Member Moore seconded the motion.

Prior to voting on the motion, Ms. Moore questioned whether the McCoy House should still be included on the list since, as Ms. Scofield reported, it has been substantially modified with non-original alterations.

The original motion & second were withdrawn. Member Cardwell made a new **MOTION** *“To approve the list as modified by the removal the McCoy House,”* Member Moore seconded the new motion. The motion carried unanimously

NEW BUSINESS: - None

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Member Meadows reported on an art exhibit by Theodore Morris of St. Petersburg currently being shown at the Museum of Florida Art. The exhibit depicts historically accurate images of Native Americans in Florida. He recommended members try to see the exhibit while it is there.

Ms. Moore announced that the National Park Service is pursuing a National Historic Landmark designation for Turtle Mound and recommended that Staff look at whether such a designation would be appropriate for the British Colonial sites such as the Blanchette property.

Ms. Moore reported that Dr. Daniel Schaffer, whose trip to England and Scotland to research British Colonial history in Volusia County was funded in part by the HPB, has returned and she would be getting with Dr. Schaffer as soon as possible to evaluate the information he gathered.

Ms. Moore reported on the FPAN Planners Workshop held at the Atlantic Center for the Arts in October. It was an excellent program. Ms. Moore apologized to Ms. Cardwell on behalf of FPAN for any rude treatment she received when contacting FPAN for information regarding attendance at the workshop. It was pointed out that this first workshop was developed specifically for city and county planners.

Ms. Cardwell reminded members about the Battle of Dunlawton re-enactment scheduled for January.

Mr. Corhern thanked staff for forwarding the information about Volusia County news being included on the National Trust for Historic Preservation's website.

Member Nutt encouraged all members to take advantage of the various historical organizations' holiday programs and show support for their efforts.

Mr. Shuttleworth announced how pleased he is to again serve on the HPB after a number of years absence while serving as an elected official in Lake Helen.

Chair Wagner pointed out the recent article in the Daytona Beach News-Journal about the Pacetti House. He also mentioned several news articles regarding Nancy Maddox's elected position with the Florida Trust for historic Preservation.

Chair Wagner distributed a flier and announced upcoming events of the Heritage Preservation Trust and encouraged members to attend if possible.

Mr. Meadows announced that Stetson University recently named Dr. Wendy Libby as the University's ninth president and the first woman to serve in this capacity.

Ms. Scofield provided an update on the Blanchette survey progress and reported that we hope to have archeologist in the field by January.

Mr. Fincher announced that Nancy Maddox has recently been named by Governor Crist to the Florida Historical Commission.

Mr. Fincher advised that he has been contacted by Mr. Greg Snell of a law firm in Ormond Beach whose offices are located in the historic Ormond Beach firehouse. He would like to host a future meeting of the HPB there.

M. Fincher announced that the next meeting would be January 27, 2009. He will confirm the location availability with the Southeast Volusia Historical Society Museum.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS - None

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____