

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



November 27, 2007

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30 P.M. on November 27, 2007 in the Training Room of Volusia County Historic Courthouse 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
Dot Moore
Warren VanHoose
Sandra Walters (arrived after Roll Call)

MEMBER(S) ABSENT: - None

Chair Wagner declared a quorum was present.

STAFF PRESENT:

Julie Adams Scofield, Historic Preservation Officer
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., Jessi Jackson Smith, Rene Tallavast

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - September 25, 2007 Regular Meeting

Member Benn requested that the minutes be changed to reflect that he was present even though his name was not on the list of those present.

Member Cardwell made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of September 25, 2007 as amended.”*
Member VanHoose seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

OLD BUSINESS:

Certified Local Government Application – Ms. Scofield advised that all members’ biographical information has been received and that the application can now go forward to the State of Florida.

NEW BUSINESS:

Final Update to the Most Endangered Historic Properties List (MEHPL)

Mr. Benn asked that since restoration of the Stetson Mansion has been completed should this property now be removed from the MEHPL. It was consensus that this could now be removed and Staff was directed to do so.

Member Benn made a **MOTION** “*To remove the Stetson Mansion from the MEHPL and direct Staff to submit a copy, as revised, to the ECHO board for their use in considering applications*” Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Member Walters spoke regarding the Fort Florida and Goat Island Burial Mounds in DeBary and asked if the Board would be willing to send a letter to the City of DeBary reminding them that this property is on the MEHPL and that the board would encourage them to make all effort to protect this property when considering proposed development plans for this area. She presented a draft for the Board’s review. Mr. Wagner recommended that the Florida Statute protecting burial sites be referenced in the text of the letter.

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** “*Have Chair Wagner submit a letter on behalf of the Board to the City of DeBary requesting their diligence in protecting the Fort Florida/Goat Island Burial Ground property from harm in the event approval for development in the area of this property is approved*” Member VanHoose seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The status of the Seville & Pierson Schools was discussed and it was agreed that any plans regarding these sites should be addressed in the HPB Goals when discussed later.

By-Law Amendment

M. Fincher advised that when the County Council changed the Absence Policy for all advisory boards, the HPB’s by-laws were no longer in concert, M. Fincher presented a recommended change to Article IV that incorporates the language approved in the County Council’s May 3, 2007 Amendment to Ordinance 2007-21 regarding absences by members of the Historic Preservation Board.

Member Nutt made a **MOTION** “*Amend HPB By-Laws Article IV as presented*” Member Walters seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report 2007

Ms. Scofield presented a draft of the report to be submitted to the County Manager's office.

Member Cardwell made a **MOTION** "Approve HPB Annual Report as presented and direct Staff to submit to County Manager's office." Member Moore seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Goals for 2008

Ms. Scofield presented a draft of Proposed Goals for 2008. The board reviewed each major goal and discussed specific objectives toward meeting the goal.

Dot Moore asked that the board consider providing financial support for the effort to get 14 archeologically significant sites in New Smyrna added to the National Register. The project has run into some additional certification required by the NPS that was not originally anticipated and the consultant's bill for this effort is approximately \$5,500. She did not expect the HPB to provide it all, but since the original project was a joint project with the County, it would be appropriate if the County could help cover some of the additional costs.

A sixth goal was added to assist with a study to look at adaptive reuse applications for the Seville and Pierson historic schools and provide local designation and support for National designation of both properties.

Member Corhern made a **MOTION** "Approve allocation of one fourth (up to \$1,800) to assist the City of New Smyrna with the cost of the extra consultant fees for site research for the National Register application of fourteen archeologically significant sites in New Smyrna." Member Nutt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

A seventh goal was added to increase visibility of agricultural heritage and partner with various organizations to support preservation of agricultural heritage within the County.

Member Nutt made a **MOTION** "Approve recommended Goals for 2008 as revised." Member Cardwell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Locations for 2008

M. Fincher provided a list of meeting dates for 2008 and asked for recommendations for locations.

Chair Wagner advised that he had made a reservation for May 20 for the Ponce Lighthouse Museum but would change it to May 27 since that is our regular meeting date.

Ms. Scofield suggested that we may wish to change the location for the January meeting since we will likely have a public hearing. M. Fincher suggested the DeBary Hall stables. All agreed.

Ms. Walters recommended the SNJP Lodge in Samsula for March 25. All agreed.

Chair Wagener recommend the Halifax Historical Museum for July 22. All agreed.

Member Moore suggested the SEVHS for the September 23 meeting. All agreed.

A location in Cassadaga or Hopkins Hall in Lake Helen was suggested for November. Staff to try to secure a location and report back at next meeting.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield provided updates on various grant projects. She advised that a new survey and planning grant application for the Blanchette property would be submitted in December. She also provided an update on the Dunlawton Sugar Mills special category grant. The state architect did not approve the last roof design and a new design is being submitted for a different concept that would be easier and safer to construct and would still meet wind load code

Ms. Cardwell advised she and Harold had attended the Downtown & Small Towns conference in St. Augustine. She also announced that the Battle of Dunlawton Commemoration was scheduled for January 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Riverside Pavilion at 3431 Ridgewood Avenue.

Chair Wagner announced that Pam Woods was elected Daytona Beach City Commissioner Zone 2 and that Gary Libby was elected President of the Heritage Preservation Trust. Both parties are very committed to historic preservation. The Trust is going to aggressively pursue grants and hopes to raise at least \$25,000 the first year.

Member Benn announced that the West Volusia Historical Society will host a Victorian Christmas.

Dot Moore advised that Florida Archeology month would be March 2008.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rene Tallavast introduced herself as the Executive Director of the River of Lake Heritage Corridor organization and presented each member with CD which describes the mission and operation of the organization. She asked if the Board consider allowing her to make a more formal presentation at a subsequent meeting. The Board agreed and directed Staff to schedule this for the January meeting if possible.

Harold Cardwell advised that he would be providing a formal request in the future for a Historical Marker to be installed somewhere between Rose Bay and Spruce Creek commemorating John Fowler who did the first survey of Daytona Beach.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____