

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

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May 27, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Wagner called the meeting of the Volusia County Historic Preservation Board to order at 3:30 P.M. on May 27, 2008 at the Ponce Inlet Lighthouse Museum.

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:

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

GUEST(S) PRESENT:

Harold Cardwell, Sr., James Hanis, Kay Hanis

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - March 25, 2008 Regular Meeting

Member Cardwell made a **MOTION** *“To approve the minutes of March 25, 2008 as presented.”*
Member Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: - None

OLD BUSINESS:

Seville School Re-Use – Ms. Scofield distributed a copy of the letter from the HPB sent to each member of the County Council requesting support for protection and adaptive re-use of the Seville Public School property which is closing at the end of this school year. Chair Wagner reported that he had been contacted by Council Member Jack Hayman who requested a meeting to discuss this in more detail. Ms. Scofield is to set up meeting with herself, Chair Wagner and Mr. Hayman.

Jim Hanis, architect, made a presentation on behalf of the Seville VIA proposing a master plan for the village centered on the public school property. The plan involves a partnership between the County, the VIA and several non-profit organizations.

NEW BUSINESS:

Location change for July meeting - In anticipation of a large turnout for the Enterprise Historic District Public Hearing, staff recommended that the July meeting be moved from the Southeast Volusia Historic Society in New Smyrna Beach to a location on the west side. Florence K. Little Town Hall in DeBary was suggested by Staff. The Board concurred with the proposed change. M. Fincher to secure the location and make necessary notifications.

MEMBER/STAFF ITEMS:

Ms. Scofield advised that the Florida Division of Historical Resources had awarded ½ of the grant amount requested for the Blanchette property project. The County however was still committed to provide the full match amount in order to support the project.

Member Cardwell announced that the Port Orange Historical Trust has acquired the old wooden Indian from Counts Store.

Member Meadows reported that there was a possibility that a large portion of the West family property in DeBary was being offered for sale to a company to use to build a horse racetrack.

Member Moore inquired about the County Council's position on NASA's proposed new launch sites locations. Staff advised that the Council had submitted a letter opposing any consideration of the Volusia County sites. She also asked there had been any changes in ECHO Grant policy to include acquisition of archaeologically significant property. Ms. Scofield advised that the ECHO staff would be holding workshops soon to consider several changes to the ECHO program but she didn't think that this change was under consideration.

Ms. Scofield did advise that the ECHO board was looking at some form of emergency mitigation funding for significant historic properties in immediate and severe danger of eminent damage. She also advised that ECHO was receptive to the HPB's request to incorporate the Secretary of the Interior's minimum standards for preservation in ECHO projects involving historic properties.

Member Moore also inquired of Staff if there were any discretionary funds remaining in this year's budget that could be used to fund a study of British Colonial era archaeology in Volusia County. Ms. Scofield will check on this with Nancy Maddox.

Member Benn announced that Mainstreet Community Bank will soon close a loan to the Sands Theater Center to allow the final work to be completed on the Athens Theatre restoration. Current plans call for the theater to open for limited use in the fall with a full scale grand opening in January.

Member VanHoose reported that the River of Lakes Heritage Corridor designation applications were on schedule.

Member Nutt reported that he is still working with Progress Energy Staff on the relocation of the caretaker's house from the old power plant site to a lot in Enterprise. He also reported that parts of Enterprise Elementary are scheduled to be demolished and replaced with new facilities.

Member Corhern reported on the status of two current restoration projects; the Oak Hill VIA building and the Meyer-Davis House and Hasty Cottage in Ponce Inlet.

M. Fincher announced that the next meeting would be July 22. He will confirm the location and advise right away.

PRESS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

Harold Cardwell spoke about the significance of the machinery at the Dunlawton Sugar Mill. He advised that it was estimated to be circa 1812. He recommended that every effort be made to get a cover over the pieces as soon as possible. Ms. Scofield advised him of the current status of that effort.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fincher, Cultural Coordinator & Recording Secretary

Date _____ Chair _____ Secretary _____