

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

February 15, 2007

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on February 15, 2007, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Batman at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Dave Miller, Phil Tua, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker, Paul Zuromski, Commissioner Dick Van Der Weide and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Bonnie Ward,

Announcements:

The January minutes were approved.

Retirement of Director Suzy Goldman:

Director Suzy Goldman of Library and Leisure Services last day is March 16, 2007. **A retirement reception will be held on Thursday March 15, 2007 from 2-4 p.m. at the Cooperative Extension auditorium.** The Historical Commission members will attend from 3-3:30 p.m.

The actual Historical Commission meeting will start at 3:30 after the reception.

New Building Funds:

Commissioner Van Der Weide explained the funds are in the budget to build the new Educational and Multi-purpose building. Quotes have gone out and approval has been given to the architect.

Cultural Affairs Grant:

Karen has sent for copies of the top 4 grants. The Historical Commission would like to have the new Cultural Affairs grant ready in May in case of no funding from the state

At the urging of John Bistline, we should consider contacting the Cultural Affairs Committee. No one was quite sure who was the Cultural Affairs Committee and how did they effect the decision on how funding was approved.

Commissioner Van Der Weide suggested that Karen contact Diane Eswine to let her know about the concerns with re-applying for the Cultural Affairs Grant in June depending on the state budget approval of the Cultural Affairs Department budget. Diane would pass this information onto the County Manager Cindy Coto under Commissioner Van Der Weide's direction. There has been a new grant company hired for the county.

A brief discussion ensued about how the property tax reduction income loss, would affect the county and its special projects. Home owner's insurance is the driving force behind the surge in the increase of insurance premium in everyone's opinion.

Student Museum request:

Miriam Garrett from the Student Museum which is run by the Seminole County School board requested the following:

She wanted permission to be able to re-print the Historical Commission book, "Early Days" and wanted to include them in her school packets for the 4th grade teachers at the Student Museum.

The Early Days book was created by the Historical Commission. The research, edits and re-prints are under the control of the Historical Commission and the Museum's county Budget. These books are given out FREE to anyone that **VISITS** the Museum of Seminole County History. There are only 1,000 printed each year.

Karen provides a copy of the "Early Days" books to each teacher when she does her outreach during the years. She also provides the book to all teachers representatives from all schools during the classes before school actually starts in August. (teacher work days)

Many school libraries including elementary, middle and high schools have been given the "Early Days Book."

After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Don Epps and seconded by Cecil Tucker that a complimentary "Early Days Book" be provided to the teachers of Seminole County by request was passed unanimously.

Cecil suggested that we need to get a copyright on the Early Days book.

Traveling Exhibit: Pressing Matters Art Exhibit is sponsored by the Sterling Wine Company of California. The traveling exhibit will have a preview night at the museum on April 5, 2007 from 6-8 p.m. This preview will be presented by Museum, Seminole Arts Council and the Seminole County Historical Society. There will be music, wine and cheese and tables set up by the different art organization and the society will have a table for donations to the building fund. This event will be by invitation. Casual attire.

The Seminole County Society has donated \$250.00 towards the event. The Arts will donate x-amount at their next meeting. The invitation was passed out to the delight of the commission. A brochure about the exhibit was passed out to the members.

Karen is going to be checking into funds from Art in Public Places.

Historical Markers:

Wagner- hold

Gabriella- a new location will be on Camp road/trail

Hospital: dedication will be Tuesday March 20, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: ordered

Bradlee-McIntyre House-Longwood- sent back for correction

Altamonte Hotel- Linda passed out the first draft. (discussion ensued)

Sanford School/Student Museum: requested a marker and approved

The Springs marker: will be returned due to damage

Casselberry/Fern Park- need text

Student Museum marker- need text

Secca is a siding for railroad side track near Wagner.

Karen's Museum Report: Karen reported on the visitors and volunteer hours.

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Map Assessment: A surveyor was due here in January but cancelled due to missing his flight. We will be applying for extension and a new surveyor will be used.

Society Report: Antique appraisal Fair will be held Sept. 15, 2007.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45