

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

March 16, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on March 16, 2006, 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 3:05 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, David Miller, Phil Tua, Cecil Tucker, Paul Zuromski, and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Commissioner Van Der Weide, Fred Gaines, and Bonnie Ward

Announcements:

Linda welcomed new Historical Commissioner Beverly Mason appointed by Commissioner Carey. Beverly replaces Sandra Carroll.

The February minutes were approved.

Midway marker dedication will be held on Saturday March 25, 2006.

Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- (to be placed at the restaurant)

Wagner- (in progress)

Gabriella- waiting to be installed

Hospital: ordered

Midway: dedication on March 25, 2006 (Commissioner Carey)

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: (in progress)

Bradlee-McIntyre House- Longwood- ordered

The name of store at the Wagner's curve was the Peter's Grocery store. The grandmother ran the store and spoke broken English and was fond of chicken hawks. Moonshine was prevalent during prohibition.

5 Points Master Plan

Discussion and Suggestions:

Ettie Jane suggested that the Museum have its own meeting room.

John Bistline suggested that the Museum have a separate entrance and where meetings could be held and not have to get into the museum itself. Gift shop is needed.

Cecil suggested the following:

- a one story building rather than two story building.
- He also suggested to gather more information and displays on the early Indians other than the Seminoles who came much later.
- Hours for genealogy research

Robert Hughes was going to look into costs for 2 story metal building including elevator. 50 x 93 space is involved.

Phil was concerned about the perimeters. When and what is the time frame for the removal of fence.

Alex was concerned about \$450,000 was not going to be enough for a new building. The building costs keep going up. Alex checked with a contractor during the meeting and the cost is about \$150 sq ft. for a metal building

Paul suggested building the infrastructure and completing the inside as needed.

Dave Miller suggested staying with the two story building and at least we would get a building of some kind, sooner than later.

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Dave Miller brought a miniature concept model building that he created. A painted mural was on the outside end. The roof came off and the second floor was revealed. Papers were passed out to accompany the model. The plan basically included all items that were discussed at the previous meeting. 50 x 93 will fit into the space already allotted. 4,600 sq ft. Dave used the site plan that was done by the county for reference.

The Historical Commission was pleased with Dave Miller's model of the building.

Alex made a motion and it was seconded by Cecil Tucker to recommend to the BCC that the proposed Educational & Multipurpose building be the two story 50 x 93 ft as drawn up by David Miller was passed unanimously.

A committee consisting of Cecil Tucker, Don Epps, Linda Batman, and Dave Miller will meet with Commissioner Van Der Weide in the next week to show and again discuss the model building. Approximate cost 1.5 to 2 million dollars was suggested.

Proposed vote for BCC is March 28, 2006.

Suzy Goldman had submitted \$175,000 as proposed in a grant to Commissioner Van Der Weide for the Sanford Herald project. More money is needed.

A Cultural Affairs Grant for new build will be presented on the museum's behalf by Ryan Ruskey in Tallahassee in May. Karen will find out the dates.

The Historical Commission will continue to handle the dedication of Historical markers in the same format in which they have always been handled. No resolution is necessary.

Museum Report: Karen passed out the museum report.

Society Report: General meeting will be held April 25, 2006. Another Antique Fair will be held in September.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

