

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

June 19, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on June 18, 2008, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd., Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Epps at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda McKnight Batman, John Bistline, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Ettie Jane Keogh, Beverly Mason, David Miller, Eunice Mann, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Jan Jernigan, Rosalie Wright Cook, Robert Hughes and Alex Dickison.

Staff and Guests Present: Joe Abel, Kathi Clifford and Julia Thompson as well as a guest, Sheila Gustafson who is from the Citizens Academy.

Announcements:

Mr. Epps welcomed new member John Richardson.

Mr. Epps asked if everyone had an opportunity to read the May minutes and if there are any additions or corrections. Ettie Jane Keogh made a **motion to approve the minutes** to the May meeting, John Bistline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Epps introduced Julia Thompson, Parks & Recreation Manager, and Joe Abel, Leisure Services Director. Mr. Epps informed the group that the County Manager has assigned oversight of the Museum to the Parks & Recreation Division of the Leisure Services Department.

Old Business:

Ms. Thompson informed the Commission that the traveling exhibit "Linedrives and Lipstick: The Untold Story of Women's Baseball" will move forward as well as all the commitments that have already been made.

Markers:

Altamonte Hotel: Marker has been received and is ready to install. Ms. Batman

informed that the City of Altamonte Springs thinks the best place for the marker is at the Altamonte Springs Library though Bill James would be the best person to make the final decision. Mr. Epps informed that in the past Seminole County Facilities Division installed the markers. Mr. Epps requested Ms. Batman firm up the location so the marker can be installed.

Wagner: Marker has been received and is ready to install.

Casselberry: Marker has been received and is ready to install.

Bookertown: Marker has been received and is ready to install.

Evergreen Cemetery aka Altamonte & Fern Park Community Cemetery Inc: Ms. Thompson informed that she needs the approved wording and she will order the marker.

Ms. Thompson advised that it is her understanding that the marker program has been cut from the budget and it will be up to the Commission to determine in what direction they want to move forward on that. Ms. Batman wanted to know if this means that the commission will be discontinued. Mr. Abel informed that there has been no discussion about discontinuing this commission and there is no intention to do so. The Commission is very valuable and necessary for the success of the Museum.

Ms. Thompson asked if the installation of the markers has ceremonies with ribbon cutting. Mr. Epps confirmed that the ceremonies are conducted with the district County Commissioner and perhaps a mayor or city commissioner.

Plans For Future:

Mr. Epps informed that he was in touch with the County Commission offices this morning. The Historical Commission is pushing for a full-time employee at the Museum not just a part-time person. Mr. Epps informed that there is money in Tourism Development to fund that half a person. Mr. Epps expressed that the Historical Commission needs the Seminole County Commission support to get the funding from Tourism Development. Mr. Epps clarified that this Commission needs to help get the funding into place and then the Leisure Services staff will get the person in place. Mr. Epps encouraged the Commission members to keep the issue in front of the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners.

Museum Report:

Ms. Thompson gave a report on the new hours of operation for the Museum. She further informed that the services we are currently trying to provide are opening the Museum,

promoting the Museum, make the Museum more visible on the Parks and Recreation website and a new brochure.

Ms. Thompson informed that interviews for the part-time position start tomorrow.

Ms. Thompson informed that the budget conversion from Library Services to Leisure Services is still being worked on by the Budget Department. She understands it has been cut drastically but does not know where. Julia asked if there were any questions. David Miller asked about the summer program for the children. He was advised that it was cancelled. Mr. Abel informed that we hope to be able to reinstate the program next year.

Ms. Keogh asked why SGTV no longer has anything about the Museum. Mr. Abel said we will check into that.

There was discussion about the Service Inventory Report and suggestions made regarding the Museum.

Mr. Tucker gave the **Historical Society report**. The Society will get with Museum staff to develop a better program for tracking the sale of books. He presented the suggestion to sell booklets that have been being given for free. Mr. Abel said staff will find out what the printing costs are and will come back to the next meeting with a recommendation.

Mr. Epps asked if there is any other business. Mr. Miller asked if there is a **list of items on loan** to the Museum. He informed that the Historical Society of Oviedo has on loan an item in the shape of the State of Florida that looks like celery. Mr. Epps said there would be a number on the back of the item.

Mr. Tucker mentioned that the Society will wait for the moment and see what happens but will help make things happen.

Ms. Keogh wanted to know if there is a list of phone numbers so can make the requested contacts. The list was requested as soon as possible.

Ms. Keogh made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bistline seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 p.m.