

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
August 21, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on August 21, 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 2:55 p.m.

Members Present: John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Beverly Mason, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Linda McKnight Batman, Robert Hughes, Jan Jernigan, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann and David Miller.

Staff and Guests Present: Kathi Clifford, Kim Nelson and Julia Thompson.

Don Epps called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Don Epps asked if there are any additions or deletions to the July meeting minutes. John Richardson made a motion to **approve the minutes**. John Bistline seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Old Business:

Roster: Mr. Epps asked if there are any corrections to the updated roster provided. Beverly Mason clarified that there are no capital letters in her email address.

Markers:

Altamonte Hotel: Ms. Nelson informed that she has been in touch with Mark Butler with the City of Altamonte Springs. Mr. Epps informed that he has met with Diana Long with the Altamonte Springs Library regarding the location. The location needs to be fine tuned.

Bookertown: Ms. Nelson has been speaking with Charlie Morgan and discovered the location is already marked by a post so only need to secure the marker to the existing post.

Casselberry: Ms. Nelson informed that the location has been determined and now need a date.

Cranes Roost: Ms. Nelson informed that this marker is also ready to install.

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Evergreen Cemetery: Marker has been ordered.

Gabriella: Ms. Nelson has contacted Dallari's office.

Wagner: Mr. Bistline gave an overview of this marker. Mr. Dickison clarified that no location has been determined. Staff will follow up with the City of Winter Springs.

Discussion followed regarding days of week and times of day for previous marker installations. Determined the best times would be when the agency elected officials can attend.

New Business:

Ms. Thompson recommended adding Tuesday to the days the Museum is open and having the Museum open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday leaving Saturday hours as they are to allow students to visit after school. Discussion followed. Cecil Tucker made a motion to approve the **new schedule** for the Museum as presented, John Bistline seconded the motion and the **motion passed** unanimously. Ms. Thompson advised that the new schedule would be effective mid September to allow time to update material and website.

Museum Report:

Ms. Nelson passed out her monthly report and it was reviewed. Ms. Nelson informed that various groups have been in to take inventory of their contributions. Ms. Nelson has also contacted the Seminole Community College History Department to request the Museum be placed on their intern program. She is also working on a work study program. Ms. Thompson asked if the Commission liked this kind of report. Mr. Epps informed that in the past **agendas, minutes, foot traffic counts and monthly reports went to the BCC**. Mr. Epps requested Mr. Abel make sure the BCC as well as the County Managers Office receive this information in the future. Mr. Epps further advised that the last report was April that would have a track record. Ms. Nelson confirmed that it is a spreadsheet and she will have it updated by the next meeting.

There was discussion on options for **marketing** of the Museum.

Ms. Thompson informed that there is nothing new regarding funding for **another 1/2 position** except the suggestion to use TDC funds. Alex Dickison requested to know which commissioner oversees TDC. He was informed it is Carlton Henley.

Ms. Nelson informed that she has been approached with an offer of new items for the Museum. Harriett Boyd has more furniture from Dr. French. Among the **new acquisitions** would be a phonograph and record collection. It was suggested these would be good for a traveling exhibit. Other donations need to be evaluated. Ms. Griffin and Ms. Nelson will arrange to meet with Harriett Boyd to take a look at what she is offering to donate and report back to the Commission. There were concerns about where to put additional acquisitions and there was discussion regarding this.

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Ms. Nelson advised that she had met with Terry Patterson regarding the **Saint Lucia Festival**. They discussed last year's event. It was decided to proceed with the festival on December 13, 2008. Revenue sharing was discussed with Ms. Patterson. Ms. Patterson will be attending the next Historical Commission meeting. Ms. Thompson informed that the staff has been directed to identify direct costs to the County and that the County will absorb those costs this year.

Mr. Tucker informed that he has received the requested CD's with all the information on the Museum's computers which is over 8,000 documents.

Ms. Thompson informed that it is the Department's intention for the Museum to try to continue the research and events that had been done previously but the Department is still looking for **direction** from the Commission. Ms. Thompson indicated that she would like to find ways to fund the marker program. Mr. Zuromski requested an outline of what is currently being done to promote the Museum. He concurred that traveling exhibits are a great idea. Ms. Thompson informed that the Museum has cases that could be used for traveling exhibits.

Mr. Richardson asked about **brochures** and discussion followed. A draft of the new brochures should be ready for the next meeting.

Mr. Dickison suggested the Museum have a 10 – 15 minute **introductory video** for guests to get an overview of the Museum. It was suggested that SGTV edit the existing video.

Mr. Tucker gave the Society report.

Cecil Tucker made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.