

# SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

November 15, 2007

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

**Members Present:** John Bistline, Rosalie Wright-Cook, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, David Miller, Cecil Tucker, Paul Zuromski and Karen Jacobs from the Museum.

**Absent:** Linda Batman, Phil Tua, and Bonnie Ward.

### **Announcements:**

October minutes were approved. (spelling of Paul Zuromski)

Elements from the Range, now showing at the Museum.

St. Lucia celebration will be held on Saturday December 8, 2007 from 1-4 p.m.

**Traveling Exhibit:** There has been such a good turn out for Elements From the Range. People are voting for their favorite quilt.

### **Historical Markers:**

**Lake Mary Presbyterian-** The dedication held on Saturday October 13, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. had a large turn out. Approximately 45-60 people were in attendance, including Commissioner Carey and Commissioner Dallari. Refreshments were provided. A big thank you to Ettie Jane Keogh for organizing the festivities at the church.

**Casselberry:-** Karen passed out the information concerning how the taxes got paid in the city of Casselberry. Furnished by Jane Casselberry. This information needs to be integrated in history marker.

**Fern Park:** This is to be a consideration for a marker

**Altamonte and Fern Park Community Cemetery, Inc:** Has requested in writing to consider this cemetery for a future Historical marker.

**Upsala Cemetery:** This cemetery has been cleared. Chris Best went to take pictures for documentation and met the gentleman who had cleared it and invited Chris to talk to his congregational.

**Paola/ AKA Banana Lake Cemetery:** The sheriff's deputies were called out to the location and the owner was removing headstones so she could sell the property. There has been so much controversy about this cemetery from the beginning. The Paola church burned sometime between 1928 and 1930. Karen will try and find the newspaper article. The pulpit was taken to the Lake Mary Church to be placed in their new church that was being built at that time.

**Altamonte Hotel:** ordered

**Student Museum marker-** ordered-place on hold  
There is a big controversy about the closing of the Student Museum. There will be a meeting at the School Board on Lake Mary Blvd. on November 20, 2007 to discuss the issue. This is open to the public.

The Historical Commission wants to send a letter of support for the Student Museum to the School Board in favor of keeping it open and place marker on hold.

**Gabriella-**site is not ready yet

**Wagner:**

Ettie Jane talked to former Sheriff Hobby and he doesn't remember how Wagner got his name. Peterson bought their store from Mr. Bryant.

Chase Groves had been doing business with D.L. Wagner but these papers are in Gainesville. (need to take a trip there)

Beverly Mason would like to investigate the Wagner property a little more before completing the text.

**Old Business:**

**Carlton Henley's response letter to Historical Commission's letter.**

In response to Carlton Henley's letter, the Historical Commissioners voted to send the details and the back up concerning the 3 outstanding bills to Commissioner Henley, Commissioner Carey, County Manager Cindy Coto, and Leisure Services, Jane Peterson. Karen will send the information through inter county mail.

**Vote:**

A motion was made by Don Epps and seconded by Cecil Tucker, to send a letter to Carlton Henley, Brenda Carey, current Chairman, Cindy Coto, County Manager and Jane Peterson Director of Library Services responding to the request for late payment evidence was passed unanimously.

**Funding for the New Building:**

A free grant writing workshop for the public as presented in the BCC chambers on November 5, 2007 from 10-12 a.m. The workshop was hosted by Langton Associates, our new grant writers. Karen and Don Epps attended the workshop.

After the meeting was over Karen and Don briefly talked with Lisa King, Vice President about the museum's situation concerning the **new Educational and Multi-Purpose Building.**

1. Our last grant written by Ryan Rusky was listed as 48 out of 53. He is no longer writing grants for Seminole County.
2. The State chose not to fund any projects, leaving all applicants on hold. The state would allow you to go back a change a few minor items but not re-write the entire grant. Those minor items were changed by Lisa King and sent to Tallahassee. Her opinion is that we will not be receiving any monies. Karen is in agreement with this.

If by chance the grant is funded the resolution for money by the county is still attached to the grant and it is our understanding that this would be honored. (we would need to check on this for sure)

3. An option is to re-apply for the grant and let Lisa King re-write the grant completely.
4. Another option is to have the society (501-c) put a professional packet together to promote the museum for major fund raising.
5. Robert Hughes suggested that we slow down and wait at least six months to see what the property tax situation will bring and see how what direction the economy is going.
6. The application for the grant and answers for outside funding was zero in the grant itself. This was a negative in grant.
7. Paul Zuromski said you need a plan and what do I as a business person get for my money. What does the donor get?
7. Do they get publicity, a plaque; Paul said he would come up with some ideas.
8. What do other Museums do for funding? Karen and her staff with find out.

**Museum Report:** Karen passed out the facts and figures for the Museum report.

**Society Report:** Alex Dickison invited everyone on November 29, 2007 to come and hear Lillian Casselberry Selph speak on the history of Casselberry.

November 8, 2007 is St. Lucia from 1-4.

**The Historical Commission meeting for December 20, 2007 has been CANCELLED.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:50.

