

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

December 21, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on December 21, 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, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Dave Miller, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker, Paul Zuromski and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Robert Hughes, Phil Tua, Bonnie Ward,

Announcements:

The October minutes were approved.

There was no meeting in November due to the trip to Tallahassee.

Tallahassee Trip: Linda Batman thanked Cecil Tucker and Don Epps for attending. Don Epps sent a letter to each Historical Commissioner and to each County Commissioner concerning the trip.

If the Cultural Affairs budget for the state is approved for the full amount then the Museum will be funded for the grant. This amount would be 23 million. The people that submitted their grants early got the benefit of a critique of the staff.

The grant writer did not show again and is no longer employed by the county. The critique of our grant by the panel was not favorable.

The county does not have a full time grant writer at this time.

Another educational grant was applied for and written by staff with a two week deadline for the wall mural, Karen reported. Jennifer Bero did the best job she could on such short notice.

A motion by Alex Dickison and seconded by Cecil Tucker to write a letter to the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager, and Director of Library & Leisure Services to explain the obstacles from our grant experiences. The letter will urge that the grant writer start very early so all information can be gathered and proper review can be done, was passed unanimously.

The state budget is voted on in April/May of 2007. If we do not get the grant money, the grant would be due again in June. Therefore a new grant should be ready to be submitted again in May so we could take advantage of the critique process before the June/July deadline.

Karen will send for copies of the top four grants from the Cultural Affairs Department after January 1st, 2007. The Commission wants to study these grants and compare them to ours.

John Bistline reported when the Seminole County Legislative Delegation met with Cindy Coto, she relayed to all the representatives the wish list of the county and the museum's grant was included.

Lillian Griffin met with David Mealor, David Constantine came to the museum last month, and someone will contact Bobby Brantley.

A motion by John Bistline and seconded by Don Epps that the Historical Commission prepare a letter urging the Seminole County Legislative Delegation to support the request from the Division of Cultural Affairs at 100% of the request was passed unanimously. (4 senators and 4 representatives) Posey, Webster, Constantine and Baker; Simmons, Adams, Hayes, Mealor; plus Bobby Brantley.

The society could possibly approach companies in the private section to sponsor exhibits; example the John Deer Tractor Company.

Karen is to invite Director Suzy Goldman to the January meeting.

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Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- was dedicated on November 20, 2006. Those in attendance were; Linda Batman, Dave and Helen Miller; Karen Jacobs; Eunice, Commissioner Carey, Zack Henderson, Cindy Coto, Don Fisher, and many others.

Wagner- hold

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

Hospital: sometime in the new year.

Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: ordered

Bradlee-McIntyre House-Longwood- sent back for correction

Altamonte Hotel- in progress

Sanford School/Student Museum: requested a marker and approved

Karen's Museum Report: was passed out.

Map Assessment: A surveyor was due here in December but cancelled due to his mother's illness.

Society Report: Alex reported that St. Lucia was held on December 9, 2006. Volunteer Teri Patterson worked on this and had all kinds of great things planned for the event.

Antique appraisal Fair will be held Sept. 15, 2007.

Annual meeting will be held at Cooperative Extension auditorium at 6:30 on January 30, 2007. John Bistline will be our speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50