

**MUSEUM OF SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORY**  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
January 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jon Batman, Carolyn Bistline, John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Alex Dickison, Jan Jernigan, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Ed L'Heureux, Beverly Mason, John Richardson, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

**Members Absent:** Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, and Eunice Mann.

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

**Location:** Museum of Seminole County History  
300 Bush Blvd.  
Sanford, FL 32773

Cecil Tucker called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

Opening Ceremonies:

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Mr. Tucker welcomed **new member, Carolyn Bistline**, and Ann Colby from the County Attorney's Office.

Ann Colby gave a presentation regarding the **Florida Sunshine Law and Public Records Act** and explained how these affect the members of the Historical Commission. Ms. Colby also reviewed handouts she had distributed. Discussion followed.

**Old Business:**

**St. Lucia Festival Report:**

Ettie-Jane Keogh reported \$187.65 net profit for the festival.

**Weird, Strange and Unusual Exhibit Update:**

Paul Zuromski reported that they have been gathering materials. He hopes to have a Timeline available for the February meeting. The goal is to have the exhibit in October.

**Historical Markers Update:**

- Cattle Industry: Verbiage was distributed for review. Mr. Tucker pointed out that it needs further reduction and requested members review and bring suggestions to the February meeting.
- Old Lake Harney: The Boy Scouts want to refurbish the existing marker as a project. Jon Batman made a motion to allow the Boy Scouts to refurbish the Lake Harney Marker. Alex Dickison seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

**Oral History Project Update:**

Jon Batman reported that Rosalie Cook has an oral history project lined up and he is going to record it. Mr. Batman indicated that the main thing is to determine how much money they have to work with. Discussion followed.

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**Sanford Herald Digitizing Project Update:**

Kim Nelson advised that Seminole County BCC now owns the Sanford Herald papers from 1908 through December 1978. She further informed that the Sanford Museum has the microfilm from 1978 through 2006. 2007 to date are on the internet. This agreement will be on the BCC agenda in February or March for approval.

**Wild Things Summer Exhibit Update:**

Kim Nelson informed that they had advertised in the Sanford Herald for applicants to participate in this exhibit and they have received some good applications for evaluation.

**New Business:**

**Historic Site Preservation Discussion:**

Julia Thompson explained that the County's strategic plan includes surveying the cities within Seminole County for information on what they adopted in their land development code for historic preservation in their cities. Ms. Thompson wanted to know if the Commission members have any knowledge of such information. Mr. Batman stated that the City of Altamonte Springs doesn't have anything. Mr. Bistline stated that the City of Longwood has an extensive program. Mr. Tucker advised that the State of Florida initiated a book at one time with much of this information. Discussion followed.

**New Museum Brochure:**

Ms. Nelson distributed a draft of the new museum brochure for members to take with them for review. They were asked to bring any suggestions to the next meeting. Ms. Cook pointed out that the brochure does not represent heritage of the entire county and she will take it home and bring suggestions to the next meeting. Discussion followed.

**Guest Speaker:**

Ms. Nelson distributed a handout announcing Dr. Rachel Wentz will be speaking about Battlefield burials on Thursday, January 28, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

**Museum Report:**

- Ms. Nelson shared pictures of the display at the AAA building advertising the Museum.
- Kim Nelson distributed and briefly reviewed the December Museum report.
- Mr. Tucker pointed out that the County budget does not mention the Museum anywhere. Discussion followed.

**Society Report:**

Cecil Tucker gave the Historical Society in Don Epps absence.

**Other Business: None**

Cecil Tucker asked if there are any additions or corrections to the December meeting minutes. Jan Jernigan made a **motion** to **approve the minutes** as corrected. Jon Batman seconded the motion. The motion was **approved** unanimously.

Mr. Tucker adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.