

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
October 16, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on October 16, 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 3:05 PM.

Members Present: John Bistline, Rosalie Cook, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie-Jane Keogh, Beverly Mason, Eunice Mann, Cecil Tucker and Paul Zuromski.

Members Absent: Linda Batman, Alex Dickison, Jan Jernigan and John Richardson

Staff and Guests: Kim Nelson; Walter Smith, Joe Findlay (Citizen's Academy)

Don Epps called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM. There is a quorum in attendance. He welcomed Joe Findlay and Walter Smith to the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance and invocation were led by Don Epps.

Don Epps asked if there were any additions or deletions to the September minutes. John Bistline moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rosalie Cook. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Historical Marker Update:

Altamonte Hotel: Mr. Epps reported that he had visited several sites with Bill James to find a location for the Altamonte Hotel marker. He recommended the area in front of the Altamonte Library because of its accessibility and proximity to the actual site. The Library has agreed to put up a small sign reading "Historical Marker" and an arrow directing foot traffic to the marker.

Cranes' Roost: Mr. Epps also reported on the location for the new site of the Cranes' Roost marker which will be behind the railing across the street from Gina's on the Water. The railing will protect the marker and the elevation is slightly higher than the original site.

Evergreen Cemetery: Ms. Nelson reported that she met with Alton Williams and located the site for this marker. She also contacted the city's site approval agency who has cleared the site for installation. Delivery of the marker has been delayed but is expected at the end of October.

Gabriela: Ms. Nelson met with Commissioner Dallari to discuss the location of this marker. A site along the new extension of the Cross-Seminole Trail has been chosen when the new stretch of trail is installed, estimated to be in Spring 2009. The marker installation will follow shortly after that.

Wagner: Ms. Nelson reported that she has been in touch with Chris Caldwell at Central Winds Park in Winter Springs and has a meeting on Thursday, Oct. 23 to select a location. Mr. Caldwell said that the marker could be located on the park's property that was very close to the original site of the Wagner settlement.

New Business:

Mr. Epps said he had visited the Commissioners' offices to let them know we were still around. He also reported that negotiations were ongoing with the TDC for funding. Discussion ensued regarding TDC funding Jetta Point and Soldiers' Creek sports facilities.

Museum Brochure: Ms. Nelson reported that the brochure has gone through a redesign that is fresher and more up to date than the previous one. Copy has been produced and new photos are being taken. Mr. Epps asked if a sample can be completed by the next meeting.

Marketing: Ms. Nelson reported on increased marketing efforts to newspapers and magazines, specifically the article upcoming in *Lake Mary Life* magazine, and passed around the article where the museum was mentioned in September's edition of *Florida* magazine. The suggestion was made to promote the Museum to home schooled and First Academy students.

Programming: Ms. Nelson spoke about the following upcoming programs: the Kids' Archaeology Workshop on Nov. 1 and Feb. 21, 2009 that replaced the Summer Camp which was cancelled; the Celery City Cruisers on Nov. 8 and the St. Lucia Festival on Dec. 13. She asked for volunteers for the Celery City Cruisers and St. Lucia Festival. Walter Smith said he thought he could provide several volunteers for the St. Lucia Festival.

Book Inventory: Ms. Nelson said that volunteers had checked to make sure all Society books were represented in the Museum's book collection. She said she would make sure that books which were down to one or two titles would also be put into the Museum library.

Bob Hughes asked what it cost to run the Museum on a monthly basis. Ms. Nelson said she would show him the figures after the meeting.

Ms. Keogh suggested that a memorial tree be planted in the names of several of the past deceased members. She also asked if Mr. Saul was still alive and Mr. Epps said he was.

A card was signed by the members present to be sent to Charlie Carlson whose wife recently passed away.

Society Report:

Cecil Tucker reported that the Society was making progress on the Cemetery Book and that he had the disk. Teri Paterson could not be there but she reported that the St. Lucia Festival was on track. A general meeting would be held November 13 at 6:30 at the Ag Center for Society members. A list of the discounts on Society books was passed around.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM.