

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
November 20, 2008

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on November 20, 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 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Linda Batman.

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

Guests Present: Pam Martin and Rob Durant with the Seminole County Employees Adademy.

Don Epps called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. There is **a quorum** in attendance.

Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Don Epps asked if there are any additions or deletions to the August meeting minutes. Some corrections were noted. John Bistline made a motion to **approve the minutes** as corrected. Beverly Mason seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

Old Business:

Markers:

Evergreen Cemetry: Ms. Nelson informed it was installed last week.

Altamonte Hotel: Ms. Nelson advised this will be installed by the end of November.

Cranes Roost: Ms. Nelson advised this will be installed by the end of November.

Wagner: Ms. Nelson advised this will be installed by the end of December.

Ms. Nelson informed that the **Kid's Archaeological November 1st Workshop** was very successful.

Mr. Epps advised that the **Celery City Cruisers November 8th Car Show** was also successful.

Mr. Epps informed that he attended the Tourist Development meeting last Thursday, November 13, 2008. They recommended that the BCC move forward with a **two (2) percent bed tax**. Tuesday's BCC meeting, November 18th, included public hearings at which 1 percent bed tax was passed. There is another public hearing on December 9, 2008 regarding a second one (1) percent bed tax. Discussion followed.

New Business:

Marketing Update:

Ms. Nelson advised that the new Museum fees the BCC approved at the November 18th meeting will be incorporated into the new **Museum brochure**.

Mr. Epps informed the Commission that the **Seminole Magazine** had an article on the Museum a year ago and recommended that staff get the St. Lucia Festival and the Lip Stick & Line Drives traveling exhibit in the magazine.

Mr. Epps advised that the Leisure Services Department is working toward making the **Museum** more noticeable on the **website**.

Upcoming Programs and Call For Volunteers:

Ms. Nelson advised that everything is in place for the **St. Lucia Festival** next month but cannot do a press release until it is closer to time for the festival. Mr. Epps encouraged members and County staff to attend the **St. Lucia Festival**.

Ms. Nelson shared that Rosalie Cook will be presenting a **Story Telling** program regarding Seminole County history and folklore in January 2009.

Ms. Nelson addressed the **digitalization project**. The next step is a legal agreement between all parties involved.

Ms. Nelson informed that the beginning of January is the target date for a student at the Museum under the federally funded **Work Study Program**.

Mr. Epps advised that there will be two **markers** (non-historical) placed on State Road 46 and County Road 46A the morning of January 17th **to commemorate Martin Luther King**. Discussion followed.

Ms. Nelson and Mr. Epps informed that a request has been made for three building models (the Altamonte Hotel, the Altamonte Chapel, the Bundy House) from the Altamonte Library for a **traveling exhibit** January 15, 2009 to March 15, 2009.

Mr. Epps announced the Leisure Services **Volunteer Appreciation Day** on December 6, 2008, and the invitation has been distributed.

Historical Commission members agreed to **skip the December meeting** as they have done in the past.

Mr. Epps asked if there is any other new business. Jan Jernigan made a **motion to adjourn** the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.