

**Seminole County
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023**

Members Present:

Deborah Bauer, Donna Bundy, Carmen Bierman, Kim Carroll, Rosalie Cook, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, Marjorie Smith, Kathryn Townsend, Paul Zuromski

Members Absent:

Lynn Dictor, Desta Horner, Robert Hughes

Guest:

Don Epps, Seminole County Historical Society

Staff Present:

Bennett Lloyd- Museum Coordinator
Michael Wirsing- Leisure Services Deputy Director

Location:

UF/IFAS Seminole County Polycom Room
250 West County Home Rd
Sanford, FL 32773

On Thursday, August 17, 2023, Vice-Chairperson Kathryn Townsend called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. There was a quorum in attendance. Chairperson Donna Bundy arrived shortly after 3:15 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Welcome and Introduction

Vice-Chair Townsend opened the meeting by asking members to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance followed by Don Epps leading the group in the invocation.

Public Comment and Introductions

None

Approval of Minutes:

Ms. Townsend asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the minutes for the May 18, 2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made by Ms.

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Eunice Mann and a second to approve was made by Kim Carroll. The motion passed unanimously.

Society Report: Don Epps, Historical Society President

- Society selected Mr. Gary Teramae as Treasurer at their August 17, 2023 meeting.
- The Society has begun preparations for the St. Lucia Festival in December.
- Mr. Epps informed the commission that the Historical Society will be taking over the planning and running of the Haunted Tours that take place in October. Promotion via social media has already begun.
- Society is working on finding speakers for the first two quarterly meetings for 2024.
- On Thursday, August 24th at 7 pm the Historical Society will be having their quarterly meeting with guest speaker Mr. Rick Cronin to discuss Seminole Lakes.

Museum Monthly Report: Bennett Lloyd, Museum Coordinator

- Bennett provided the June and July Monthly Reports. Reports provided.
- Continue to work on updating policies and procedures for the Museum operations. Including updating forms and the Historical and Cultural Management Plan.
- Bennett is working on doing a complete assessment of all the carriages in preparation for future discussions about the next steps and plans.
- Highlights from the last two months include:
 - Great Summer Camp. Looking at possibly adding contracted staff for next year as well as maybe expanding to a middle school-age camp.
 - Senator Trailer has been out to several events and camps around town!
 - Continue to work on preparations for the future Carriage Exhibit and Building 302.
- The next big event will be the Menedez Colonial Encampment on September 22-23rd. As part of the event, Bennett is going to be coordinating with the Sanford Art Association for a “Paint Out” event on

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September 23 that will allow artists to paint the reenactment actors and scenes. Artwork will be featured at a later date.

- The museum will be having Museum Week in September which will allow anyone to come tour the Museum free!

Commission Report-Michael Wirsing, Leisure Services Deputy Director

- Michael provided an update regarding the changes in staff within the department and until a new Administrative Assistant is hired all communication can run through him.
- Bennett and Michael continue to work on getting a plan together for the future carriages exhibit in Building 302. Progress has begun with the building being cleaned out. Staff continues to work with the County Manager's Office to discuss a plan for moving the carriages into their new home in Building 302.
- Leisure Services will be giving a briefing to the County Commissioners about the next step for the Carriage Project in the Fall.

Updates:

Accessions Update- Bennett asked the committee if they could help identify any possible links for Norwegian descendants to Seminole County as a Norwegian chest has been donated but need to identify how this would fit with the Museum.

Programming Update- Bennett is working with Emergency Management on a future exhibit related to disasters in Seminole County. Bennett asked the committee to see if they have any photographs or artifacts related to past hurricanes, storms, freezes, etc.

Historical Marker Update- The Springs Marker was received this week and will be installed by Greenways and Natural Lands staff in the coming weeks. Bennett provided an update to the committee that because we cannot get a purchase order cut before the end of the fiscal year that no new marker will be started until after October 1st. After the first of October, he will be bringing possible future markers to the committee.

New Business: None

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Old Business: Nothing new

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

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