

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES



**Historic Preservation Board (HPB)
Webex Call-in Meeting
Thursday, February 18th, 2021 6:00 pm**

Board Members Present

Sheldon McCartney, Chair
Cynthia Strachan-Saunders
Damian Brink

Anthony Abbate
Jeff Schwartz

Derek Davis
Daniel Stallone

County Staff

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer

Kevin Gidusko, County Archaeological
Consultant

Matthew Haber, Assistant County Attorney

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, Planning
& Development Management Division
Monique Davis, Administrative
Coordinator, Planning & Development
Management Division

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair McCartney at 6:07 p.m.; roll call taken by Rick Ferrer with quorum established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

III. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

MOTION – Member Stallone moves to approve, seconded by Member Davis. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. New Business

A. Introduction of Kevin Gidusko, new County archaeological consultant.

New County archaeological consultant Kevin Gidusko of PaleoWest Archaeology, Inc. is introduced. Mr. Gidusko tells the board he is a native Floridian originally from central Florida. His background is in archaic period Florida, forensics, 3D modelling for archaeology. He is currently PaleoWest Archaeology's project manager and has worked closely with the Florida Public Archaeology Network. The chair and board extend their welcome to Mr. Gidusko.

B. Recognition for Sunshine Thomas, ex County archaeological consultant.

Mr. Ferrer presents a Certificate of Appreciation from the board to Sunshine Thomas, the County's archaeological consultant until January. Ms. Thomas was instrumental in helping preserve two archaeological sites in Broward beyond the routine development reviews expected of the position.

C. Meeting calendar for 2021

The board considers a draft bimonthly calendar for the remainder of the year starting from February and ending in December planned for the third Thursday of the month.

D. Pioneer Day 2021

Chair hopes all will be vaccinated by October and requests recontacting the Hollywood Historical Society to see if an October event date works and if the venue will be available. Member Strachan Saunders asked if an exterior event under a tent could occur. Discussion considers possible ongoing pandemic and restrictions and concerns for large sized gatherings in interior spaces.

E. Rubin Stacy Memorial Project

Members Abbate and Schwartz provide a summary of how the project has progressed after last October's workshop including: Ft Lauderdale's approval for signage to be located below existing signs with "Rubin Stacy Memorial Highway," length of the road has not been determined; costs of signage is being evaluated; a request letter to EJI has been submitted by Broward's Rubin Stacy coalition and questions and answers have gone back and forth. Member Davis stated that a State proclamation is being worked on as well a projected marker (EJI?). Member Davis stated that the Trailblazers are continuing to work with descendants of Rubin Stacy but that the niece has passed away in December. Exhibits are being put together, videos and transcripts of interviews are being done as part of a community participation. HistoryFortLauderdale is working on research on other lynching victims and incidents to add to the monument. Member Stallone notes that the roadway is to be co-named is "Davie Boulevard" (not Davie Road). The project has become collaborative with many components.

VI. Old Business

A. Speedway/Sporto Marker Initiative

Staff provides the latest update regarding a marker application before the State.

B. Hillsboro Club Designation Nomination

Staff provides a briefing on the field work and interviews being done for an owner-requested designation. A public hearing will be forthcoming as the information is collected with the assistance of the Hillsboro Club and a report is finalized.

C. HPB Website Improvements

Staff notes certain edits and improvements to the HPB's Website including the addition of the Bowles Strachan House to the "Must See" list of local historical sites. Mr. Ferrer requests

the HPB members input for further improvements, edits and additions.

VII. Comments by the Chair

The Chair expresses satisfaction that despite the existing circumstances, that the board is moving forward.

VIII. Announcements by Board Members

Vice Chair Davis notes that the Old Dillard Foundation is involved with an “on demand video format”(ROKU) event likely in March and is requesting public input. Member Strachan Saunders asks if there is a final report for an archaeological excavation which occurred at the Bowles Strachan House rear yard under FPAN (Sara Ayers-Rigsby). Mr. Gidusko will look into the request.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 6:45 PM.

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