

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES



Historic Preservation Board (HPB)
Webex Call-in Meeting
Thursday, September 30th, 2021 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Sheldon McCartney, Chair
Cynthia Strachan-Saunders

Derek Davis, Vice Chair
Jeff Schwartz

Daniel Stallone
Jonathan Axler

County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer, PDMD
Brad Lanning, County Archaeological Consultant

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, PDMD
Monique Davis, Administrative Coordinator,
PDMD

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair McCartney at 6:11 p.m.; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes

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

IV. Public Comments

No public comments.

V. New Business

A. New Item – Archaeological Site Issues

Chair explains that this item will be considered first by request of staff. Mr. Delsalle notes that two incidents were recently reported to the HPO involving work within an archaeological site and zone within areas that may have not been approved. The areas are not currently under County jurisdiction but will be after November 15th. The concern is that the longer the delay, the more likely damages can occur. The current County Code is not sufficiently expeditious to respond to these types of events. PDMD staff and County Attorney's Office are working on amending the code for a more expeditious stop work process. Staff is seeking a consensus from HPB that indicates it would like to see this move forward. Once draft language is developed, the HPB will have a chance to review for comments. The Chair asks for an 'aye' or 'naye' on moving forward with the initiative. All in favor,

consensus passes unanimously.

B. Introduction of new HPB member Jonathan Axler

The Chair welcomes Jonathan Axler to the board who was recently appointed by the County Commission. Member Axler thanks the chair and states he's looking forward to working with the board. He's a South Florida native from Davie who works as education coordinator at the historic Stranahan House museum and attended Florida Atlantic University. The Chair notes Member Axler's father served in the former Broward County Historical Commission with other HPB members. The Board welcomes Member Axler.

B. Introduction of new County Archaeological Consultant Brad Lanning

The HPO introduces the County's new archaeological consultant recently appointed by the company that provides archaeological service to Broward. Mr. Lanning works from Tampa which should provide greater accessibility should the consultant be asked to be physically present for issues related to sites. Mr. Lanning greets the Board and recounts his educational and prior archaeological survey experience across South Florida. His expertise lies in the recovery and identification of human skeletal material. The Board welcomes Mr. Lanning.

VI. Old Business

A. Pioneer Day 2022

The HPO restates that staff had been formerly working with Hollywood Historical Society for Pioneer Day 2020 when the pandemic hit which cancelled the event. Due to continued health concerns the event was not possible in 2021. For 2022, staff had been contacted by the Wilton Manors Historical Society as host. The City of Wilton Manors commemorates its 75th anniversary in 2022. The City offers the Hagen Park Community Center as the venue. Staff requests that the Board delegate a board member or committee to visit the venue and review with the city hosting responsibilities. Member Schwartz indicates his availability to visit the facility and coordinate with staff the following week.

B. HP Ordinance Amendment: New municipalities joining County program

The HPO explains that the County's historic preservation jurisdiction will be soon changing due to the 2019 amendment to the Historic Preservation Ordinance requiring CLG participation for municipalities. Since the amendment passed, three (3) municipalities chose to apply for CLG and eleven (11) are due to join the County's program on November 15th 2021. Preservation service will be extended to the eleven municipalities and designated sites within the cities will come under County Preservation review. Staff is currently involved in outreach work including mail out informational packets, calls, a virtual introduction meeting and individual meetings with municipalities for 2022. Preservation work from the additional municipalities joining the County's program is expected to increase significantly.

C. CLG Training: November 18th, 2021

The State Division of Historical Resources has informed that the only CLG training for South Florida this year will be held on November 18th at Davie Old School. They are recommending both new and old Board members to attend, particularly since new municipalities will be joining the County's program. Florida's new CLG Coordinator Mariah Justice will be introduced. The workshop will be conducted by the CLG Coordinator and the Survey & Registration Supervisor, Ruben Acosta. The HPO notes that the workshop coincides with an HPB meeting scheduled for that same afternoon. The CLG Coordinator has indicated that if a quorum of the HPB is present at the workshop, the State will consider the workshop attendance to count as a meeting, to assist in annual minimum CLG meeting requirements.

D. November HPB Meeting Date

The Board deliberates a new meeting date for the Board in December; the 9th is selected as the preferred date for a planning meeting of the Board.

MOTION: - Member Strachan Saunders moves to approve December 9th as the next meeting of the Board, seconded by Member Davis. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

VII. HPO Report

The HPO notes all items he had pending were discussed.

VIII. Comments by Chair

The Chair indicates no additional comments.

IX. Announcements by Board members

Board members Strachan Saunders and Vice Chair Davis request a list of new municipalities joining County program. Staff will provide a listing after November. Member Davis provides an update on the Ruben Stacy memorial initiative with street signage in the hands of Ft Lauderdale. The Trailblazers of Broward are looking at more information and items related to criminal justice. There's an effort underway to comply with various equal justice activities in order to obtain the monument and bring it to Broward in the near future. The overall Stacy memorial initiative is for a street naming, marker and monument.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn offered by the Chair. Member Strachan Saunders moves to approve, seconded by Member Schwartz. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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