

REGULAR MEETING

# SUMMARY MINUTES



Historic Preservation Board (HPB)  
Regular Meeting  
Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present

Derek Davis, Chair

Cynthia Strachan-Saunders

Jeff Schwartz, Vice Chair

Daniel Stallone

Anthony Abbate

Sheldon McCartney

## County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer, UPD

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:02 p.m.; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established (6 members present, 1 absent)

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

### III. Approval of Minutes

#### 1. Minutes for October 3, 2022

MOTION – Motion to approve by Member Abbate, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

#### 2. Minutes for November 18, 2022

Tic mark edits are identified by the Chair. MOTION – Motion to approve by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by Member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

### IV. Public Comments

Sandy McCartney is re-introduced to the Board. No additional public comments.

### V. New Business

#### A. Historical Preservation Month

The Board considers the information provided by staff from the State on Historic Preservation Month, specifically the State's interest in acknowledging, celebrating and interest in listing more cemeteries to its historical inventory, especially African-American cemeteries. The HPO notes several cemetery projects conducted in Miami-Dade County which included recording and surveying. Member Strachan Saunders asked how one finds if a cemetery is already on State's list. Vice Chair Schwartz notes the State information includes a website with current listings. Member Abbate sees this as opportunity for county and local CLG information sharing with the

County setting the lead with a format. He encourages signing on to the initiative. The HPO recommends creating a listing for all Broward cemeteries (County-wide inventory) and to make sure that all cemeteries that qualify, be recorded. The Chair adds that the local historical societies be made aware of this initiative. He notes that Ramona LaRoche, Genealogist of the African American Library is working on a cemetery project. The Board demonstrates enthusiasm for adopting and supporting the State's focus on historical cemeteries and conducting a survey.

MOTION – Directing staff to begin the initiative of inventorying Broward cemeteries; request clarification from the State as to the inclusion of archaeological sites; share information on the initiative with local historical societies and request for their information; have staff compile the information; and once completed, have the information reviewed by the Board. Motion to approved offered by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Michaela Conca, President of the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation introduces herself. She expresses interest to collaborate with the Board for Historic Preservation Month in May. Ms. Conca stated that last year, historical facilities were requested to be open for free one day during Preservation Month and the City of Ft Lauderdale issued a proclamation to honor the month. Ms. Conca also suggested that Roberto Fernandez be contacted to collaborate with the cemetery initiative. The Board decides to support Historic Preservation Month through a County proclamation. Member Abbate is assigned the task of developing a draft and contacting a Commissioner as sponsor.

MOTION – To support the Broward Trust for Historic Preservation's endeavor to make the public more knowledgeable about May as Historic Preservation Month. Motion to approve offered by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

#### **B. Revisions to the Bylaws**

MOTION – Motion to approve by Member Abbate, seconded by Vice Chair Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

#### **C. Schedule for 2023**

The HPO presents two dates provided by the City of Plantation for hosting Pioneer Day this year.

MOTION – To have Pioneer Day on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by Member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

MOTION – To approve the HPB's 2023 Calendar including the celebration of Pioneer Day on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Motion to approve by Member Abbate, seconded by Vice Chair Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

### **VI. Old Business**

#### **A. Historic Marker Program - Update**

The HPO explains that as its not possible to discuss the administrative end of securing funding without Assistant Director Delsalle and as there are no physical samples of the markers in use by the City of Parkland that the item should be deferred. Member McCartney expresses his interest to move the item along. He offers a motion to move forward with a metal permanent historical marker along with a Parkland-style (economical) marker, for purchasing and installation as soon as possible at the fire station site in Pembroke Pines (located on the site of the former racetrack) with the wording that was previously approved by the Board. Chair Davis asks for a clarification if the motion is for the Speedway/Sportatorium marker only or does it include a marker for the

Bowles-Strachan House Historic site as well. Member McCartney clarifies that the motion is for the Speedway/Sportatorium site. Vice Chair Schwartz and Member Abbate expressed their concern with moving forward with the motion without having a cost estimation. The Chair stated that the Board was interested in seeing a cost estimation for a metal marker before proceeding with the motion offered. Member McCartney withdrew his motion.

MOTION – For a presentation by staff using the prior approved verbiage and images with pricing information for a metal marker as well as pricing information and sample(s) of the Parkland marker model. Motion to approve by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

#### **VII. Comments by the Historic Preservation Officer**

The HPO refers to attachments provided to the Board’s packet including information on a speaking engagement, heritage month celebrations and an exhibit on Mid Century modern architecture at Boca Raton’s History Museum.

#### **VIII. Comments by the Chair**

The Chair notes that it is Black History Month and that he has been interviewed by Channels 4 & 6 regarding the Month and the New Y. He will be presenting on the 21<sup>st</sup> a presentation on the current Black History Month theme of ‘resistance’ which is also being featured in a current exhibit at the African American Library and Culture Center.

#### **IX. Announcements by Board Members**

Member Strachan Saunders requests consideration for having the next meeting of the Board as a trial at the Broward County’s Government Center West in Plantation.

MOTION – Motion to approve by Member Strachan Saunders, seconded by Vice Chair Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Vice Chair Schwartz reiterates the interest in having a meeting at an educational or historical site and adding this to the next agenda for discussion. He also noted an anniversary event for Parkland on March 11<sup>th</sup> and that the Margate Blount Site has been approved for a State historical marker. He also noted the recent anniversary marking of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas tragedy. A new memorial will be installed in the City. Member Abbate noted he has been invited as a guest speaker to the Mid Century Modern exhibit at the Boca Raton History Museum in April. The focus of his talk will be mainly on Broward. Member Strachan Saunders notes “Moments in Carver History” snippets on YouTube. Member McCartney notes he is still working on getting a new appointment on the Board. Member Stallone notes the Orange Blossom Festival next weekend (Feb. 24, 25, 26) in Davie.

#### **X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn offered by the Chair. Vice Chair Schwartz moves to approve, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 7:24 PM.

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