

Florida Historical Commission
Web Meeting, Zoom, Meeting ID: 834 1042 4939
Friday, August 5th, 2022 9:30 a.m. - Conclusion

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Dr. Judy Bense, Chair; Mr. Bill Clague; Mr. Tony Cortese.

Commission Members Present Via Webinar: Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Dr. Michael Francis; Mr. John Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith.

Commission Members Not Present: Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Vice Chair; Ms. Kathleen Kauffman.

DOS Staff Members Present: Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Dr. Kathryn Miyar, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Mr. John Grandage, Outreach Coordinator; Mr. Michael Hart, Historical Marker Program; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator.

Members of the Public Present: Mr. Kent Blosser; Mr. Patrick Gillespie; Mr. Ryan Meikenhous.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Bense called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

Dr. Bense asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

Item III. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Bense asked for a motion to adopt the August 5th, 2022, FHC business meeting agenda. Mr. Clague so moved. Mr. Cortese seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from May 20th, 2022, Meeting

Dr. Bense asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 20th, 2022, FHC business meeting. Mr. Clague so moved. Mr. Cortese seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman's Comments

Dr. Bense gave her appreciation to the commissioners for dedicating their time and efforts.

Item VI. Director's Comments

Dr. Bense recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Director's Comments and Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane thanked the commissioners and shared her excitement to be the new Division Director and State Historic Preservation Officer. She provided updates on the Florida Main Street program, including the Preservation on Main Street conference. She also

shared that the Florida Master Site File is reaching its 50 year anniversary. Ms. Lotane discussed the budget and legislative appropriations.

Item VII. Business Items

Dr. Bense recognized Kent Blosser to provide the Capitol Complex Legislation update. Mr. Blosser provided background information on the legislation and explained that DMS would be seeking recommendations from the FHC on design and placement of memorials and monuments. The commissioners asked that DMS and Dr. Liko schedule a web meeting to discuss the Holocaust Memorial and Slavery Memorial.

Dr. Bense asked Dr. Liko to provide the commissioners with upcoming dates for the FHC business meetings.

Item VIII. Committee Reports

Dr. Bense recognized Dr. Miyar to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Miyar provided updates for each program area, including human remains cases and NAGPRA repatriation, looting cases, and loans and exhibits.

Dr. Bense recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson provided an overview of the Special Category and Small Matching grant funding in addition to the African American Cultural and Historical program. She informed the commissioners of the number of applications received for the FY 2024 Special Category grants, and reminded them of the grant review meeting dates.

Item IX. Other Business

None.

Item X. Public Comment

None.

Item XI. Adjourn

Dr. Bense asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Clague so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

_____ Presiding Officer

_____ State Historic Preservation Officer and
Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: _____