

**Florida Historical Commission**  
**500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building**  
**Friday, November 9, 2018 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present In-Person:** Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Dr. Michael Francis; Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. Vincent Luisi; Mr. John Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith.

**Commission Members Participating via Teleconference:** Ms. Marion Almy; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

**Commission Members Not Present:** None.

**DOS Staff Members Present:** Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Mary Glowacki, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor.

**Members of the Public Present:** Mr. Lonnie Mann.

**Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

**Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests**

Ms. Almy asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

**Item III. Adoption of Agenda**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the November 9, 2018, FHC business meeting agenda. Mr. Phelps so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Item IV. Approval of Minutes from August 10, 2018, Meeting**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the August 10, 2018, meeting minutes. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Dr. Bense seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item V. Approval of Minutes from September 6 and 7 Special Category Meeting**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the September 6 and 7 Special Category grant review meeting minutes. Dr. Francis so moved. Ms. Spurgeon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item VI. Chairman's Comments**

Ms. Almy thanked the commissioners for coming to the business meeting in-person and for their dedication.

### **Item VII. Director's Comments**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Parsons thanked the commissioners for their time and effort, and welcomed Mr. Luisi to the Commission. He then gave brief updates regarding the budget and upcoming legislative session. Dr. Parsons informed the commissioners that Hurricane Michael caused extensive damage to historic properties and archaeological sites, and a brief discussion took place regarding the shipwrecks uncovered on Dog Island and recovery efforts throughout the affected areas. Dr. Parsons concluded his Director's comments by providing information regarding the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers quarterly meeting that he attended in October.

Dr. Parsons then briefly updated the commissioners on the Grants Program, and informed them that the ranked list for the Special Category grant applications was approved by Secretary Detzner with no changes to the ranking order.

### **Item VIII. Committee Reports**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Glowacki to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Glowacki provided updates on several initiatives for each program, and briefly discussed new technology being used by staff. She concluded her comments by informing the commissioners about plans for Archaeology Month in March. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of setting up exhibits within the Florida Capitol Complex.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane provided some brief information on damage related to Hurricane Michael. She then discussed staffing and several projects from each program. Discussion ensued regarding Certified Local Government programs.

### **Item IX. Business Items**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Bense to present the Secretary of State Historic Preservation Awards subcommittee recommendation. Dr. Bense explained that there had been no nominations for the Senator Bob Williams award, and three nominations for the Mary Call Darby Collins award. The subcommittee had selected Dr. George Luer as their recommendation to the full FHC. Ms. Almy asked if there were any comments on the subcommittee's recommendation. Dr. Smith supported the recommendation, and commended the work of Dr. Luer. Ms. Almy asked if there was a motion to accept the recommendation that Dr. Luer be awarded the Mary Call Darby Collins award. Mr. Birtman so moved, and Dr. Francis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Liko to provide the upcoming dates for the FHC business meetings in 2019.

### **Item X. Other Business**

Mr. Gonzalez discussed his upcoming trip to complete some survey work in the area affected by Hurricane Michael, and the importance of working with partners and regional planning councils to emphasize the importance of historic preservation.

Mr. Luisi said he is thankful to be a member of the FHC and was looking forward to working with everyone.

**Item XI. Public Comment**

None.

**Item XII. Adjourn**

Ms. Almy called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Bense so moved, and Mr. Phelps seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Presiding Officer

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Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_