

Florida Historical Commission
500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building
Friday, May 25, 2018 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Dr. Clifford Smith; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

Commission Members Participating via Teleconference: Ms. Marion Almy; Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. John Phelps.

Commission Members Not Present: Dr. Michael Francis; Ms. Ellen Ugucioni.

DOS Staff Members Present: Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Mary Glowacki, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator.

Members of the Public Present In-Person: Mr. Lonnie Mann.

Members of the Public Present Via Teleconference: Ms. Beth Lemke.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

Mr. Gonzalez asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

Item III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Gonzalez asked for a motion to adopt the May 25, 2018, FHC business meeting agenda. Mr. Phelps so moved, and Dr. Bense seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2018, Meeting

Mr. Gonzalez asked for a motion to adopt the March 23, 2018, meeting minutes. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Mr. Birtman seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman's Comments

Mr. Gonzalez praised the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation annual conference and thanked Division staff who participated.

Item VI. Director's Comments

Mr. Gonzalez recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Parsons gave the commissioners a brief update regarding the Division's budget. He then provided follow-up regarding several questions from the commissioners at the March 23, 2018, meeting. The

commissioners requested that staff provide them with grant risk assessment reports. Dr. Parsons concluded his comments by discussing legislative updates.

Item VII. Committee Reports

Mr. Gonzalez recognized Dr. Glowacki to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Glowacki provided an update on staffing, and then highlighted several initiatives for each program. She briefly discussed Archaeology Month events, including the launch of the History in 3D website.

Ms. Almy joined the meeting via teleconference at 9:45 a.m. and recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane briefly discussed Preservation Month events, and then highlighted several projects and updates within the Bureau's program areas.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson discussed funding, the annual rule revision, and the grant review panel dates. She confirmed the dates of September 6 and 7 with the commissioners for the Special Category grant application review.

Item VIII. Business Items

Ms. Almy opened the floor for nominations for the annual election of the Assistant Presiding Officer. Dr. Bense said that she was interested in the position and moved to nominate herself. Mr. Birtman seconded the nomination. Mr. Phelps moved to cease hearing nominations, and Dr. Smith seconded the motion. Ms. Almy called for a vote on the motion for Dr. Bense to be appointed the Assistant Presiding Officer. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Almy briefly explained the purpose of the Secretary of State Historic Preservation Awards, and the process for nominations and selecting a committee. Mr. Birtman and Dr. Bense volunteered to serve on the awards subcommittee. Ms. Almy asked Ms. Spurgeon if she would also serve on the subcommittee, and Ms. Spurgeon agreed. Discussion ensued among the subcommittee members regarding selecting a chair. Ms. Spurgeon nominated Dr. Bense as the chair of the subcommittee, and Dr. Bense accepted.

The commissioners asked Dr. Liko to send a poll to confirm the date for the next FHC business meeting.

Item IX. Other Business

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons. Dr. Parsons informed the commissioners that an ad hoc committee would be meeting at the end of June to determine the location for the statue of Edmund Kirby Smith after it returns to Florida from Washington D.C. Two members of the FHC would be serving on the committee along with three members of the Florida Council on Arts and Culture. Mr. Birtman and Dr. Smith volunteered to serve on the committee. Ms. Almy asked if Dr. Bense would serve as the alternate, and Dr. Bense agreed.

Item X. Public Comment

None.

Item XI. Adjourn

Dr. Bense moved to adjourn and Ms. Spurgeon seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

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Director, Division of Historical Resources

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