

Florida Historical Commission
500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building
Friday, August 9, 2019 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Dr. Clifford Smith; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

Commission Members Present Via Phone: Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. Tim Holladay; Mr. Vincent Luisi; Mr. John Phelps.

Commission Members Not Present: None.

DOS Staff Members Present: Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor; Mr. Timothy Knoepke, Grants Program Supervisor.

Members of the Public Present In-Person: Mr. Tom Berger, DMS; Mr. Lonnie Mann.

Members of the Public Present Via Phone: Ms. Laura Lee Corbett.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Bense called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 August 9, 2019, FHC business meeting agenda. Dr. Bense so moved. Ms. Spurgeon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2019, Meeting

Ms. Almy asked if there was any discussion regarding the May 24, 2019 minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Almy asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 24, 2019 FHC business meeting. Dr. Smith so moved. Mr. Browning seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Almy thanked the commissioners and members of the public for coming and expressed her wishes that all the commissioners continue to be historic preservation ambassadors in their communities.

Item VI. Director's Comments

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Parsons thanked the commissioners for their time and effort. He then provided updates on the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, Miami Circle improvements, and the Governor Martin House. Dr. Parsons concluded his comments with several program highlights and information on disaster funding from the National Park Service for Hurricanes Irma and Michael.

Item VII. Business Items

Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Berger to give the Capitol Complex update. Mr. Berger provided the commissioners with information on the current status of structural repairs and construction. He then discussed the current approved monuments and memorials and plans for placement. Mr. Berger concluded his update and the commissioners thanked him for his time.

Ms. Almy opened discussion regarding the Senator Bob Williams and Mary Call Darby Collins awards. She explained that she wanted to discuss the difficulty in getting nominations and in finding the appropriate venue for presenting the awards. She also asked the commissioners if they supported presenting the awards every two years instead of annually. Discussion ensued regarding these topics. The commissioners agreed to delay a new set of awards until the 2019 awardee, Dr. George Luer, has been presented his Mary Call Darby Collins award and to then decide if the awards should be annually or biennially.

Item VIII. Committee Reports

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Parsons provided updates for each program area and the Bureau's partnership with France.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane provided updates for each program area.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson confirmed the Special Category grant application review meeting dates of September 26 and 27, 2019. She also informed the commissioners that there would be an upcoming webinar training.

Item IX. Other Business

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Bense to provide the commissioners and staff with plans for the 200th anniversary of Florida's statehood in 2021. Ms. Almy asked Dr. Bense to continue updating the FHC on plans for the celebration.

Item X. Public Comment

Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Mann. Mr. Mann discussed fossil permits and asked that information be sent to the commissioners regarding the potential for these permits to be abused by looters.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Laura Lee Corbett who gave her concerns on the Module 3 update process.

Item XI. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

_____ Presiding Officer

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

Approved: _____

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