

**Florida Historical Commission
R.A. Gray Building, Heritage Hall Auditorium
Tallahassee, Florida
March 19, 2014**

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present: Mrs. Marion M. Almy, Chair; Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Vice Chair; Ms. Kathy A. Fleming; Mrs. Malinda J. Horton; Mrs. Judy Kane; and Dr. William B. Lees

Commission Members Present via Telephone: Ms. Ellen J. Uguccioni

Commission Members Unable to Attend: Mr. Del Acosta, Mrs. Mimi Reid Hardman, Dr. Adam J. Hirsch, and Mr. John B. Phelps

Division of Historical Resources Staff Present: Mr. Robert F. Bendus, State Historic Preservation Officer and Division Director; Ms. Celeste Ivory, Operations Administrator; Ms. Alissa Slade Lotane, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer and Chief of the Bureau of Historic Preservation; Ms. Angie Tomlinson, Program Director; Mr. Bob Jones, Acting Section Head of Survey and Registration; Dr. Tim Parsons, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for Compliance Review; Dr. Mary Glowacki, State Archaeologist and Chief of the Bureau of Archaeological Research; and Mr. Grant Gelhardt, Historic Preservation Grants Supervisor

Guests Present: Ms. Ellen Andrews, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Recreation and Parks; and Ms. Emily Lees

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Almy at 9:09 a.m.

II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

III. Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adopt the agenda as emailed. Commissioner Gonzalez so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Horton and approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2013

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adopt the minutes as emailed. Commissioner Fleming so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kane and approved unanimously.

V. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Almy thanked the Division for the business cards provided to the Commission to assist in public outreach.

VI. Director's Comments

Director Bendus thanked the Commission for the advice, assistance and recommendations provided to the division, and for their participation in historic preservation efforts throughout the state. Director Bendus discussed legislation proposed for oversight of memorials at the Capitol Complex by the Commission; legislation involving potential changes in citizen support organizations; proposed federal legislation involving a provision to the Tax Reform Act of 2014 repealing the historic preservation tax credit, Section 3223: Repeal of rehabilitation credit; upcoming 2014 state fiscal budget, legislative budget requests and funding recommendations; and a recent meeting with the Federal Highway Administration and the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the Florida's transportation compliance model as a model for SHPO offices nationwide.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Bureau of Archaeological Research Update

Dr. Glowacki advised the Commission on the activities of the bureau. Dr. Glowacki discussed the bureau's continued focus on its core programs and the division's responsibility to steward all of the state's archaeological sites; the challenge of sustainability and maintenance expense for sites managed by the bureau; the bureau's responsibility to advance archaeological research; collaboration with FSU on an upcoming archaeological field school; changes coming to the Collections program, including the upcoming departure of Ms. Claire Tindal, Historic Conservator and retirement of Dr. Dave Dickel, and permitting and curating responsibilities to be addressed by the program; attendance numbers and operational costs of living history at Mission San Luis; submerged resources and success with excellent visitation to Panhandle Shipwreck Trail sites; and Florida Rule Chapter 1A-31 permitting and ongoing issues with the management and compliance of underwater exploration and recovery permits.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with Commission interest in further discussion regarding the permitting program, promoting education on the damage that is being done, improving standards, and the potential for assistance on strategy from the Florida Panhandle Archaeology Network.

B. Bureau of Historic Preservation Update

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission on the activities of the bureau. Ms. Lotane discussed staffing updates, including the retirement of Dr. Barbara Mattick, the hire of Mr. Kenneth Cureton as a Preservation Architect, the resignation of Ms. Katie Shelfer from the Compliance Review Section, the upcoming hires of two Historic Grants Specialists, and the hire of Mr. Christopher Hunt as a Historic Sites Specialist in the Compliance Review Section; updates to the Florida Master Site File; continued consultation by staff on the Bro Bowl and Met Square sites; developments with the Historic Golf Trail, including participation in roundtable discussion at Capitol; continuation of the Folklife program's survey of the upper St. Johns River region and preparation by staff for the Florida Folk Festival; and a successful Florida Main Street Managers Quarterly Meeting in February with multiple staff presentations.

Mr. Bob Jones, Acting Section Head for the Survey and Registration Program, was invited to present on the 11 properties reviewed on February 21, 2014 at the National Register Review Board meeting. All nominations were accepted to move forward to the Keeper of the National Register, including Florida's first Traditional Cultural Property (TCP) nomination for Tarpon Springs Greek Town Historic District/Spogedocks property in Tarpon Springs.

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission that the next meeting for the Historical Marker Council meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2014, and the online application for historical markers is now up and running; six applications are currently under review for Certified Local Government (CLG) designation; staff participation on the advisory council at Silver Springs; and provided information on the Grants program's efforts to comply with House Bill 1309, special projects and scheduling of upcoming grant cycles.

Dr. Timothy Parsons advised the Commission on the implementation and consultations concerning the Deepwater Horizon oil spill programmatic agreements, intended to ensure the Section 106 process occurs as funds go into early restoration projects.

The Commission took a 10 minute recess.

VIII. Commission Member's Reports

Commissioner Gonzalez discussed the upcoming Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Conference in Tampa, May 14 - 17, 2014; a recent meeting with the SHPO regarding the historic Belleview-Biltmore Hotel in Belleair to consult on an alternative to its proposed demolition; the need to focus on three main areas that can make a difference for historic preservation projects: (1) local and federal historic tax credits, (2) local designations, having a CLG with competent staff and local board, and work on network of membership parties for state and local partnerships, and (3) look at

what other groups have done, such as design institutes and finding ways to educate mayors.

Chairman Almy suggested a Mayor's Conference, reminding all that reaching mayors was the key to the establishment of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

Director Bendus stated the Division can use federal dollars for CLGs, to provide better education to commissioners, mayors, as well as municipal attorneys.

Commissioner Horton discussed the events, success, and Florida Association of Museums' partnership with 2014 Florida Tourism Day at the Capitol; increased counts and funding for state tourism; continued work on an Institute of Museum of Library Services (IMLS) grant for collection policies and procedures; and the recent Mid-Atlantic Association of Museums' 10th Annual *Building Museums* symposium in Miami.

Commissioner Kane discussed preservation in Okaloosa and Walton Counties and the Ft. Walton area, including recent expansion of the Fort Walton Beach Heritage Park and Cultural Museum; and recent contact with the Gulf Coast Kiln Walk Society.

Commissioner Lees discussed work on local ordinances, preservation policy, and development of heritage tourism in the Pensacola area; and his focus on Civil War monuments in the heritage landscape and potential preservation threats to be aware of.

Commissioner Fleming discussed St. Augustine's upcoming 450th anniversary in 2015; the St. Augustine Visitor Center's current exhibit, *Journey: 450 Years of the African-American Experience*, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act; and work on the development of The Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area.

Commissioner Uguccioni discussed museum activities for HistoryMiami; and the discovery of the Tequesta Indian village north of the Miami Circle at the multi-component Met Square/Granada archaeological site and ongoing site mediation.

Commissioner Almy discussed preservation issues of Sarasota and Manatee Counties involving the protection of human remains at two of the oldest and most significant sites in eastern North America: (1) Warm Mineral Springs and (2) Little Salt Springs.

IX. Business Items

A. Review of a public request for Naming a State Facility

The Commission was presented with a letter from Donald V. Forgione, Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation, with regard to naming the Lake Pavilion at Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee for Mr. Walter Coldwell, former director of

the Division of Parks and Recreation. Director Bendus discussed the recommendation and authority provided to the Commission in *F.S. 267.062* regarding the naming of state buildings and other facilities. **Commissioner Lees made a motion to approve the request for naming the Lake Pavilion at Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park in Tallahassee for Mr. Walter Coldwell. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fleming and approved unanimously.**

B. Schedule of Meetings

The Commission discussed scheduling and agreed upon Thursday, June 26, 1 p.m. to conclusion for the next NR Review Board Meeting, and Friday, June 27, 9 a.m. to conclusion for the next Florida Historical Commission meeting.

X. Other Business

Director Bendus introduced Mr. Johnathan Grandage, Executive Director of The Grove. Mr. Grandage discussed the current state of The Grove, status of rehabilitation efforts, future site plans, and offered the Commission a tour of the property.

XI. Public Comment

None.

XII. Adjourn

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Horton so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lees and approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

Maureen M. Almy Presiding Officer

Robert F. Bendus State Historic Preservation Officer, and
Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: 6.27.2014