

Florida Historical Commission
March 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Members Present In-Person: Mr. Steve Birtman.

Commissioners Members Present via Teleconference: Mrs. Marion M. Almy, RPA, Chairman; Ms. Kathy A. Fleming; Mr. Rick Gonzalez, AIA, Vice Chairman; Mr. John B. Phelps; Dr. Clifford E. Smith; and Mr. Bob Ward.

Commission Members Unable to Attend: Mrs. Mimi Reid Hardman; Dr. Adam Hirsch; Mrs. Judy Kane; and Ms. Ellen J. Uguccioni.

Division of Historical Resources Staff Present: Dr. Timothy A. Parsons, RPA, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and Division Director; Ms. Celeste Ivory, Operations Administrator; Dr. Mary Glowacki, State Archaeologist and Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Program Administrator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Coordinator; and Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

Commissioners and Division of Historical Resources staff introduced themselves.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Phelps so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fleming and approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes from September 24 & 25, 2015 Meeting

Chairman Almy called for a motion to approve the minutes as emailed. Commissioner Phelps so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Ward and Fleming and approved unanimously.

V. Approval of Minutes from December 9, 2015 Meeting

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

VI. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Almy shared her regrets that she could not be in Tallahassee during this time of transition for the division and also shared remarks expressing her respect for both former director, Rob Bendus, and Dr. Parsons.

VII. Director's Introduction and Comments

Dr. Parsons thanked the Commission for their time and service to the division. Director Parsons advised the Commission on a number of division updates, including former Director Rob Bendus' new position with Sarasota County; his appointment as Director, and designation as SHPO; Mr. Jason Aldridge's appointment as Supervisor of the Compliance Review Section; former Survey and Registration Supervisor Desiree Estabrook's new position with the City of West Palm Beach; development of a new division-wide citizen support organization, Friends of Florida History, Inc.; an anticipated update on the Capitol Complex Memorial Garden for the next quarterly meeting of the Commission by the Department of Management Services; and his vision for the division, which focuses on emphasizing and promoting the public value and benefit of the division's work and programs.

VIII. Committee Reports

A. Bureau of Archaeological Research Update

Dr. Glowacki advised the Commission on the activities of the bureau. Dr. Glowacki discussed the Public Lands Archaeology Program, including current survey work at Lake Santa Fe and Newnans Lake areas, numerous management plan reviews, preparation of National Register nominations, training activity in the Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) program, enhancements to the prehistoric dugout canoe database; Underwater Archaeology Program activity, including continuation of work on the Cape Canaveral survey with Phase II to test anomalies, the recent addition of Mr. Benjamin Wells, Senior Archaeologist, maintenance of scientific dive standards, heritage tourism outreach activity, and the upcoming retirement of Dr. Roger Smith, State Underwater Archaeologist; Collections and Conservation activity, including recent tours and exhibits, development of a website with 3D scanning and imagery for the state's archaeological collection, responses to unmarked grave reports; the hire of a Senior Clerk to the Bureau, Mr. Nicholas Yarbrough; and expressed the Bureau's thanks to the archaeological community for their support in protecting resources on state lands by opposing the implementation of an isolated finds program this year.

B. Bureau of Historic Preservation Update

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission on activities of the bureau. Ms. Lotane discussed the recent launch of a division-wide Facebook page, Florida Division of Historical Resources, and invited all to 'like' and connect with us on this new social media platform; Florida Master Site File resource counts, and database updates; Compliance Review Program updates, including the recent appointment of a new supervisor, counts for project reviews, site mitigations and SHPO eligibility determinations; Florida Historic Golf Trail activity; Grants Program activity, including the recent appointment of Yasha Rodriguez, Ph.D., as Historic Preservation Grants Supervisor, dates of grant cycles and webinars, upcoming updates to the Grants Rule, an increase in Main Street start-up grants, legislative funding updates; Survey and Registration updates, including nominations that passed at the Review Board's meeting earlier in the week; Certified Local Governments (CLG) Program activity, which now includes 71 CLGs throughout the state; Historical Marker Program activity; Main Street Program activity, including travel for quarterly meetings and resource team visits, annual conference planning, dissolution of the Friends of Florida Main Street citizen support organization; and Florida Main Street program activity, including 2016 Folk Festival planning, 4 approved 2016 Florida Folk Heritage Awards, applications are being sought for the 2016-17 Florida Folklife Apprenticeship Program, the joint conference of the American Folklore Society and the International Society of Folk Narrative Research in October in Miami, and preparation for the annual Folklife research survey occurring in 2016 in southwest Florida.

IX. Business Items

A. 2016 Florida Legislative Session Update

Director Parsons advised the Commission on various bills passed during the 2016 Florida legislative session involving the division, including SB 310: Relating to National Statuary Hall, SB 716: Relating to Florida Holocaust Memorial, and SB 708: Relating to Arthur G. Dozier School for Boys; provided a budget update for state fiscal year 2017; and discussed the importance and ongoing efforts for reauthorization of the federal Historic Preservation Fund.

B. Division Regulatory Plan Update

Dr. Tomlinson provided the Commission with an overview of upcoming Division rulemaking activity, including general revisions for Chapters 1P, 1A-39, and 1A-46; movement towards the proposed rule stage for Chapter 1A-36; and plans to start the rule development process for Chapters 1A-40 and 1A-48.

C. Preservation 50 Commemoration Update

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission on a variety of events to be held during the month of October in Florida to recognize Preservation 50, the national initiative by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

D. Statewide Comprehensive Plan Update

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission on division activities regarding the next statewide historic preservation comprehensive plan cycle (2017 - 2021), including regional public meetings, efforts to engage millennials, feedback from attendees and survey responders, and future overview webinars.

X. Other Business

Dates for future meetings will be sent to the Commission for consideration.

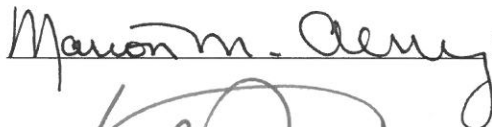
XI. Public Comment


None.

XII. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

 Presiding Officer

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

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