

Florida Historical Commission
Mission San Luis, Tallahassee, Florida
Friday, February 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Ms. Marion Almy; Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. Tim Holladay; Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. Vincent Luisi; Dr. Clifford Smith; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

Commission Members Not Present: Mr. John Phelps.

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: Dr. Sorna Khakzad; Mr. Michael Thomin; Mr. Lonnie Mann; Ms. Melissa Wyllie; Ms. Barbara Clark.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 February 8, 2019, FHC business meeting agenda. Ms. Spurgeon so moved, and Dr. Bense seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2018, Meeting

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the November 9, 2018, meeting minutes. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Dr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Almy thanked the commissioners and members of the public for coming. She also welcomed Mr. Tim Holladay as a new commissioner.

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, and welcomed Mr. Holladay to the Commission. He then gave brief updates regarding Governor DeSantis's proposed budget and upcoming legislative session.

Secretary of State Laurel M. Lee joined the meeting briefly. She introduced herself and thanked everyone for their work.

Dr. Parsons continued his comments by discussing potentially exhibiting artifacts at the Florida Capitol Building. He also provided updates on outreach programs and upcoming events associated with Archaeology Month.

Item VII. Committee Reports

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Parsons provided updates on several initiatives for each program.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane informed the commissioners of planned events for Historic Preservation Month. She then provided updates for each program area. Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Wyllie to provide information on the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation Conference in May. The commissioners discussed the potential for having a business meeting during the conference in the future.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson provided updates on current work by staff. Ms. Almy asked Dr. Tomlinson to give the commissioners the dates for the Special Category review meetings. Dr. Tomlinson said that the targeted dates are September 26th and 27th, and the commissioners agreed that those dates worked with their schedules.

Item VIII. Business Items

Ms. Almy asked the commission to hold the Request to Rename a State Facility agenda item until the next meeting.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Khakzad, who presented the commissioners with a summary of the proposal for a Florida Panhandle Maritime National Heritage Area. Dr. Khakzad requested a letter of support from the FHC and the Division. Mr. Birtman moved that the FHC support the project with a letter. Dr. Bense amended the motion that the FHC request Dr. Parsons discuss the project with Secretary Lee for her support. Mr. Birtman seconded the amended motion by Dr. Bense. The motion passed unanimously.

Item IX. Other Business

Dr. Bense informed the commissioners and staff that the City of Pensacola had chosen a candidate for the position of a city archaeologist.

Item X. Public Comment

Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Mann to briefly describe the Florida Archaeological Preservation Association (FAPA). Mr. Mann added that they appreciate the support from the commission. Ms. Almy asked Division staff to keep the FHC updated on any bills that would propose reestablishing the isolated finds program.

Item XI. Adjourn

Ms. Almy called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Spurgeon so moved, and Dr. Bense seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

_____ Presiding Officer

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

Approved: _____