

Florida National Register Review Board Meeting
R. A. Gray Building, Room 307
Tallahassee, Florida
December 1, 2016
Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Dr. Clifford Smith

Commission Members Present via Webinar: Ms. Ellen J. Uguccione, Chair; Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Vice-chair; and Mrs. Marion Almy

Division of Historical Resources Staff Present: Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director and SHPO; Ms. Alissa Slade Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation and Deputy SHPO; Mr. Ruben Acosta, Survey and Registration Supervisor; Dr. W. Carl Shiver, Historic Preservationist; Mr. Andrew Waber, Historic Preservationist; Mr. Michael Hart, State Marker Program Coordinator; Mr. Michael Zimny, Certified Local Government Coordinator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Program Supervisor; Ms. Lindsay Smith; Ms. Robin Jackson

Guests Present: Mr. Norman Card, Mrs. Donna Card, Ms. Ellen Andrews, Mr. Bill Stanton, Mr. Maurice Matuszak, Tallahassee Fire Department Capt. Mike Bellamy, Ms. Brittany Prahlow, Ms. Tina Bucavalas

Guests Present via Webinar: Mr. Alfred Quarterman

Acosta: Reads off disclaimer, instructions, etc.

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ms. Ellen Uguccione at 1:05 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Commission, Staff and Guests
Commission, staff, and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Adoption of Agenda
Dr. Smith motions to adopt agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Almy and unanimously accepted.
- IV. Remarks by Chairsperson on Purpose of Meeting
Ms. Uguccione explained the purpose of the meeting.
- V. Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2016, Meeting

Ms. Uguccioni called for a motion to approve the March 23, 2015, minutes as presented. Ms. Almy motioned to approve. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and was approved unanimously.

VI. SHPO/Section Supervisor Comments

Dr. Parsons was introduced by Ms. Uguccioni. He explained his position in the Division and thanked the board members for their time and effort serving on the Board and also the visitors for their presence.

Dr. Parsons extended updates on the staffing changes taking place in the Survey and Registration section. He explained that he hired Ruben Acosta, previously the head of the state of Nebraska's National Register program, to take over the Survey and Registration section.

VII. Review of Nomination proposals

A. Devil's Millhopper State Geological Park, Gainesville, Alachua County was presented by Mr. Acosta. The representatives were Ms. Ellen Andrews and Mr. Bill Stanton from the State Park Service. The park is being nominated under Criteria A and D at the local level in the areas of Archaeology and Entertainment and Recreation. The periods of significance are 8,000-1,000 BCE and 1938-1966. The park, which is based around a distinctive large sinkhole, has been a local tourist attraction since the 1800s and features Civilian Conservation Corps elements along with a Paleoindian site. It contributes to the Florida's New Deal Resources Multiple Property Submission. Ms. Andrews and Mr. Stanton gave statements of support for the nomination, stating that they concurred with the boundaries as set forth in the proposals.

A motion was made by Ms. Almy to accept the proposal under Criterion A for Entertainment and Recreation and Criterion D for Archaeology at the local level. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith, and passed unanimously.

B. First Clewiston Post Office, Clewiston, Hendry County was presented by Mr. Acosta. The building is being nominated under Criteria A and C in the areas of Government, Commerce, and Architecture at the local level. The period of significance, 1929-1940, reflects its period of usage as a post office and telephone exchange. The building played a critical role in the

development of the town, serving as the first telephone exchange building for the community. It was also an important center of financial activity, with the post office offering postal savings accounts, savings bonds, and money orders for the community. The building is also a locally significant example of the Mediterranean Revival style architecture. It was designed by locally significant architect Clark J. Lawrence.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith to forward the proposal under Criterion A for Commerce and Criterion C for Architecture at the local level. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, and passed unanimously.

- C. **Fire Station No. 2, Tallahassee, Leon County** was presented by Mr. Acosta. The representatives were Mr. Maurice Majszak and Mr. Mike Bellamy from the Tallahassee Fire Department; Ms. Brittany Deoliveira; and Mr. Brecht Heuchan. This building is being nominated for Criterion A for Social History at the local level. Its period of significance extends from 1951 to 1967. The second firehouse built by the Tallahassee Fire Department, this building served a dual function as both a firehouse and as a mechanical workshop. Although the building has since been converted into an office, it retains sufficient integrity to qualify for listing under Criterion A. Mr. Majszak and Capt. Bellamy gave statements of support for the building, and both vouched for its integrity.

A motion was made by Ms. Almy to forward the proposal under Criterion A at the local level for Social History. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and passed three to one, with Ms. Uguccioni casting the dissenting vote.

- D. **Coconut Grove Library, Miami, Miami-Dade County** was presented by Mr. Acosta. Prior to presenting the proposal, Mr. Acosta stated that the Miami Certified Local Government had not commented on the proposed nomination prior to the meeting. He presented the board members with the option to conditionally approve the proposal or the option to table the nomination until the next meeting. The board members discussed the two options.

A motion was made by Ms. Almy to table the proposal until an official letter from the City of Miami's Certified Local Government office commenting upon the property is received. The motion was seconded

by Dr. Smith, and passed unanimously. The substance of the nomination was not formally presented.

- E. **Historic Overseas Hotel, Marathon, Monroe County** was presented by Mr. Acosta. The building is being proposed for listing under Criterion A in the areas of Commerce, Entertainment and Recreation, and Social History. The period of significance extends from 1938 to 1960. It was the first guest lodging in the town of Marathon and served over the years as a hurricane shelter.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith to forward the proposal under Criterion A at the local level in the areas of Commerce, Entertainment and Recreation, and Social History. The motion was seconded by Ms. Almy. The Board voted unanimously against the motion and it failed to pass.

- F. **Rose Hill Cemetery, Tarpon Springs, Pinellas County** was presented by Mr. Acosta. The cemetery is being nominated under Criteria A at the local level for Ethnic Heritage: Black and Social History. The period of significance extends from 1904 to 1967. The representative was Ms. Tina Bucavalas from the City of Tarpon Springs. Rose Hill has long served as a burial ground for the African American community in Pinellas County. Certain cultural traditions were also carried out in this cemetery. Ms. Bucavalas gave a statement of support for the cemetery.

A motion was made by Ms. Almy to forward the proposal under Criterion A at the local level in the areas of Ethnic Heritage: Black and Social History. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez, and passed unanimously.

- G. **Bo Lynn's Grocery, St. Marks, Wakulla County** was presented by Mr. Acosta. The building is being nominated under Criterion A at the local level for Commerce. The period of significance extends from 1936 to 1967. The representatives were Mr. Norman Card and Ms. Donna Card. This building has long served as a general store for the community of St. Marks. It was for much of its history the largest gas station and grocery store in the town. It is today the oldest commercial building still standing in St. Marks. The building currently reflects its 1967 appearance, when the business owner built a two-story addition onto the back. Ms. Card gave a statement of support for the building.

A motion was made by Dr. Smith to forward the proposal under Criterion A at the local level in the area of Commerce. The motion was seconded by Ms. Almy, and passed unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Mr. Acosta mentioned a desire to establish four regular Review Board meetings a year in order to give the Division some leeway for their mandated three meetings a year in partial satisfaction of the requirements for federal historic preservation funding. The next two meetings are scheduled for February 9, 2017, and May 11, 2017.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Uguccioni called for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Smith motioned and it was seconded by Mr. Gonzalez and approved unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Presiding Officer

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

Approved: _____