

**Florida Folklife Council Meeting
Via Teleconference
December 06, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Folklife Council Members present (via telephone): Dr. Larry Crook; Dr. Annette B. Fromm; Dr. Natalie Underberg-Goode, Chair; Mr. Timothy Schmand; and Dr. Peggy Bulger, Vice Chair.

Staff present: Ms. Susanne Hunt, Supervisor, Outreach Programs; Ms. Amanda Hardeman, State Folklorist; Mr. Derek Jones, Folklife Program Assistant; Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director, Division of Historical Resources; Ms. Christie Fitz-Patrick, Deputy Secretary, Divisions of Cultural Affairs, Historical Resources & Library and Information Services

Members of the Public present: Ms. Kathleen Pagan, Senior Planner at Alachua County Growth Management

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Underberg-Goode at 09:07 a.m.

II. Introduction of Council, Staff & Guests

Council members, Division staff, and members of the public introduced themselves.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Dr. Fromm made a motion to adopt the meeting agenda. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

IV. Adoption of Minutes from June 28, 2016 Meeting

Mr. Schmand made a motion to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

A. Staff Report

State Folklorist Amanda Hardeman provided her report of Florida Folklife Program activities. She described the successful 2016 Florida Folk Heritage Award ceremonies for St. Augustine recipient Ed Long and Miami recipients Lucrece & Louinès Louinis, Paco & Celia Fonta, and Serge Toussaint. She described the successful Folk Forums hosted in collaboration with Visit Florida in Jacksonville, Live Oak, Marianna, and Pensacola, and the successful event held in Miami in partnership with *Viernes Culturales* and the HistoryMiami Museum. She mentioned meeting and working with Robin Reshard of Pensacola. Ms. Hardeman also described the artist residencies conducted in Tallahassee in September with Paco and Celia Fonta and in November with The Lee Boys, covering program activities and their impact on the local community.

Ms. Hardeman spoke of the success of the 2016 American Folklore Society (AFS) conference held in Miami. She described the local planning committee sponsored panels, including one featuring Florida's recognized tradition bearers, a panel featuring past and present Florida folklorists, and a panel covering Florida archives. Ms. Hardeman mentioned that Florida tradition bearers were featured in evening concerts as part of the conference program, and that many AFS attendees provided positive feedback.

Ms. Hardeman concluded with information about activities under the current NEA grant cycle which has so far supported the November Artist Residency with The Lee Boys, five apprenticeship teams, and a fieldwork survey of Southwest Florida. The grant will also support an artist residency next September.

VI. New Business

A. Review and Ranking of 2017 Heritage Award Nominations

Following the completion of the review and ranking of all five nominations, staff announced that the top four nominations, in order of rank, were:

- Marilia Carrasquillo & David Peñaflor (Ocoee), Folk Advocates – Latin American Culture
- William Emerson (Tarpon Springs), Folk Artist – Rhythm and Blues/Gospel
- Haiqiong Deng (Tallahassee), Folk Artist – Traditional Chinese Music
- Willie Green (Ocala), Folk Artist – Blues Music

Dr. Fromm made a motion that the Council recommend these four nominations to the Secretary of State as the selected recipients of the 2017 Florida Folk Heritage Award. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

B. Discussion of Folklife Council staff departures and appointments

Chair Underberg-Goode announced that Dr. Annette Fromm would like to stay on the Folklife Council for another term, and so the council voted on Dr. Fromm's reappointment status.

Mr. Schmand made a motion to reappoint Dr. Annette Fromm to the Folklife Council for another term. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

State Folklorist Amanda Hardeman, staff, and the Folklife Council thanked Dr. Crook for his three terms of service on the Florida Folklife Council.

Chair Underberg-Goode moved on to the discussion of new appointees. State folklorist Amanda Hardeman listed three possible candidates: Dr. Welson Tremura of Gainesville, Dr. Antoinette Jackson of Tampa, and Ms. Robin Reshard of Pensacola. After discussion, it was unanimously decided to recommend Ms. Robin Reshard.

Dr. Bulger made a motion to recommend Ms. Robin Reshard to the Secretary of State for appointment to the Florida Folklife Council. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

VII. Other Business

A. Goals for next Council meeting

Chair Underberg-Goode stated that the next meeting will cover goals, and that the meeting time and location will be determined at a later date pending plans for the 2017 Florida Folk Heritage Awards ceremony.

Ms. Hardeman mentioned that the Florida Folklife Program is planning to have the upcoming Folk Heritage Awards ceremony in Spring 2017, but the date has not been set yet. Ms. Hunt added that past Folk Heritage Award ceremonies were planned in conjunction with the Legislative sessions as well as Florida Heritage Month activities. She concluded that Florida Folklife may host its own awards ceremony with the support of the Division of Historical Resources.

B. Public Comment

Ms. Kathleen Pagan, Senior Planner at Alachua County Growth Management, mentioned during Willie Green's nomination discussion that he performed recently in a production series called Cypress Sessions started by an engineer at Grow Radio in Gainesville, and the tapes will hopefully be brought to statewide TV stations.

VIII. Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Crook made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Chairman, Florida Folklife Council

Date

Director, Division of Historical Resources

Date