

**Florida Historical Commission  
R.A. Gray Building, Room 307  
Tallahassee, Florida  
June 27, 2014**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present:** Mrs. Marion M. Almy, Chair

**Commission Members Present via Telephone:** Mr. Rick Gonzalez, AIA, Vice Chair; Mr. Del Acosta; Mrs. Mimi Reid Hardman; Mrs. Malinda J. Horton; and Dr. William B. Lees, RPA.

**Commission Members Unable to Attend:** Ms. Kathy A. Fleming; Dr. Adam J. Hirsch; Mrs. Judy Kane; Mr. John B. Phelps; and Ms. Ellen J. Uguccioni.

**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, Chief of the Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Mary Glowacki, State Archaeologist and Chief of the Bureau of Archaeological Research; Ms. Angela Tomlinson, Program Administrator; and Ms. Desiree Estabrook, Survey and Registration Section Supervisor.

**Department of State Staff Present:** Ms. Kerri Post, Deputy Secretary of State for Cultural, Historical and Information Programs

**Guests Present:** Ms. Anne Peery, Executive Director of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Almy at 9:05 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 Hardman so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez and approved unanimously.**

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2014

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

## V. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Almy stated she was happy to be present and wished more Commission members were also present in Tallahassee.

## VI. Director's Comments

Director Bendus thanked his staff for their work, the enormous amount of hours they put in and stress they are under.

## VII. Business Items

### A. Legislative Budget Update

Director Bendus provided legislative budget updates, including a review of the passing of the coming year's legislative budget; the legislature's full funding of the historic preservation small matching grants and special category grants lists, including the rollover list recommended by the Commission, in fixed capital outlay; the appropriations to the Division of \$1.5 million as recurring dollars for small matching grants, \$500,000 in recurring dollars for historic property maintenance, \$150,000 for the Great Floridian Program, and \$140,000 for site work at Mission San Luis (MSL).

### B. Legislative Session Update

#### i. Capitol Complex Memorials

Director Bendus discussed Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 731/Chapter 2014-126/*F.S.* 265.00301 POW-MIA Chair of Honor Memorial, which requires the Department of Management Services (DMS) to consider recommendations from the Commission for specific aspects of memorials on the Capitol Complex grounds. The Commission will be tasked with an additional responsibility of providing advice and assistance to the DMS on establishing a memorial garden, and the placement and design of all future memorials that go in to it.

#### ii. CSO Regulations and Ethics

Director Bendus discussed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 1194 Citizen Support and Direct-support Organizations/Chapter No. 2014-96, which relates to all of the agencies in state government, and the bill's potential impact to the division's citizen support organizations (CSO) and efforts to consolidate them by establishing a statewide CSO and an endowment.

Deputy Secretary Kerri Post requested the Commission ask their constituents around the state to please thank their legislators for the funding and show how important it is to receive it, and invite them to events that convey the impact.

Director Bendus discussed federal funding, including the stalled Appropriations Bill and the Tax Reform Act of 2014 which has targeted the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program for elimination.

### C. Division Regulatory Plan

Ms. Tomlinson advised the Commission on Executive Order Number 11-211, which instructs all executive state agencies to submit an annual review of existing rules and regulations. The plan should identify and describe rules that the agency expects to begin rulemaking on in the next fiscal year. Last year the Division initiated rulemaking to the following rules, including repeal of Rule 1A1.007 Acquisition and Sale of Property; amended Chapter No. 1A-32 Archaeological Research; amended Chapter No. 1A-40 Administration of Permanent Collections; and amended No. Chapter 1A-45 Guidelines for the Public Display of Human Skeletal Remains. The proposed plan submitted to the Department's general counsel for review for FY14-15 prioritized rules that will be addressed in the upcoming year, including repeal of Chapter No. 1A-35 Historic Preservation Grants-In-Aid, superseded by Chapter No. 1A-39; update to Chapter No. 1A-39 Historic Preservation Grant Programs; Chapter No. 1A-40 Administration Of Permanent Collections, removing areas of internal impact that do not rise to the level of a rule; updates to Chapter No. 1A-44 Procedures for Reporting and Determining Jurisdiction Over Unmarked Human Burials; amendments to No. 1A-46 Archaeological and Historical Report Standards and Guidelines; updates to Chapter No. 1A-48 Florida Historic Marker Program; updates to Division No. 1P Florida Folklife Program; and rule development will be initiated in anticipation of the opening of The Grove, and it will be patterned on Chapter No. 1A-37 Mission San Luis Facilities. Following review by Department's Office of the General Counsel, the Division will look to the Florida Historical Commission for input and comments.

### D. Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's 2014 List of Eleven Most Endangered Sites

Vice Chairman Gonzalez and Ms. Anne Peery, Executive Director of the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation, advised the Commission on the Florida Trust for Historic Preservation's 2014 List of Eleven Most Endangered Sites, which include: Elliot Plantation (within Canaveral National Seashore and Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge), Tinker Field (Orlando), Historic YMCA Building (St. Petersburg), Miami Woman's Club (Miami), Boynton Beach High School/Mangrove Park School (Boynton Beach), Downtown Palatka, Orange City Historic District, Milton Historic District, The Munroe House (Tallahassee), Belleview Biltmore Resort and Spa (Belleair), and Wilson Camp House (Ocala).

### E. Federal Underwater Archaeology Update

Ms. Angela Tomlinson advised the Commission on proposed amendments published in the Federal Register by the Department of the Navy to 32 CFR Part 767- Application Guidelines

for Archaeological Research Permits on Ship and Aircraft Wrecks Under the Jurisdiction of the Department of The Navy, as they relate to the Bureau of Archaeological Research's underwater salvage program.

## 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 (PLA) Program, including staff's continuing development of an extensive prehistoric and historic canoe database, and recent direction over archaeological field schools; planning and interpretive site installations to initiate an awareness of the significance of the Camino Real, The Royal Road linking Spanish missions across the state and beyond; the Underwater Archaeology Team's near completion of the Cape Canaveral survey; undertakings of the state Collections and Conservation Lab; Mission San Luis' events and activities, and CSO updates; awards presented to PLA and MSL at the Tallahassee-Leon County Historic Preservation Awards ceremony; continuing mitigation at the Met Square site; the Warm Mineral Springs case; and progress on efforts to assist with Federal recognition of the Apalachee Tribe.

### B. Bureau of Historic Preservation Update

Ms. Lotane provided the Commission with the bureau report. Ms. Lotane discussed staffing and bureau activities; continuing progress on development of the Florida Historic Golf Trail; two upcoming publications, the Florida British Heritage Trail and the Florida French Heritage Trail; activities of the Florida Folklife Program, including management of the Folklife stage at the Florida Folk Festival and the upcoming Folk Forums; outreach and technical assistance to the state's Main Street Communities; Historical Markers ordered; and dates of grant cycles and grant applications received.

Ms. Estabrook discussed NRHP nominations reviewed at the June 26, 2014 meeting of the Florida National Register Review Board.

## IX. Other Business

Director Bendus invited the Commission to share local level issues in their regions. Vice Chairman Gonzalez reported on the FTHP Annual Conference held in Tampa, and preservation challenges in the new economy. Commissioner Acosta discussed the ongoing loss of historic brick streets and reported on a preservation success story in downtown Tampa with the re-opening of the 1914 federal courthouse as Le Meridien Tampa hotel. Chairman Almy suggested the option of recording historic streets as linear resources with the Florida Master Site File. Commissioner Hardman invited Director Bendus to visit the central Florida area and

learn more about a variety of local preservation projects, and invited all to attend the upcoming Lake Wales Pioneer Days. Commissioner Horton discussed the record state legislative funding for historic preservation, as well as for the cultural museums grants programs category; focus by VISIT FLORIDA on cultural and heritage tourism; and the upcoming Florida Association of Museums Annual Conference in Jacksonville in September. Chairman Almy discussed the commercial preservation domain, including recent interest by clients in having neighboring historic properties listed or locally designated to preserve commercial properties' historic viewshed; and the role of local laws and ordinances in assisting with both preserving and documenting resources.

The Commission discussed scheduling and agreed upon Thursday, September 4, 1 p.m. to conclusion for the next NR Review Board Meeting; Friday, September 5, 9 a.m. to conclusion for the next Florida Historical Commission meeting; and December 15 & 16, 9 a.m. to conclusion both days for the Florida Historical Commission's Special Category Grants Panel Review Meeting, with a grants on-line system training webinar in advance on November 19, 2 p.m. to conclusion.

Chairman Almy discussed Past Forward, the National Trust's 2014 National Preservation Conference, to be held November 11-14, 2014 in Savannah, Georgia. Ms. Peery advised that during the Conference, the Florida for Historic Preservation and the University of Florida will co-host the Florida Reception, to be held at the Bohemian Hotel's rooftop lounge on Thursday, November 13, 2014, 5:30 - 8 p.m.; and noted upcoming exchange trips to Cuba in October.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Adjourn

**Chairman Almy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Hardman so moved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Acosta and approved unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Maaron M. Almy Presiding Officer

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

Approved: 9.5.2014