

**Florida Historical Commission
R.A. Gray Building
Tallahassee, FL
August 4, 2016**

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: Marion Almy, RPA, Chair.

Commission Members Present via Teleconference: Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Vice Chair; Mr. John B. Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith; and Mr. Robert L. "Bob" Ward.

Commission Members Unable to Attend: Mr. Stephen Birtman; Ms. Kathy Fleming; Mrs. Mimi Reid Hardman; Dr. Adam Hirsch; Mrs. Judy Kane; and Ms. Ellen Ugucioni.

Staff Members Present: Mr. Timothy A. Parsons, Ph.D., Director, Division of Historical Resources and State Historic Preservation Officer; Ms. Celeste Ivory, Division Operations Administrator; Mr. Nicholas Yarbrough, Senior Clerk, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Ms. Angela Tomlinson, Ph.D., Assistant Director; Mr. Michael Hart, State Marker Coordinator; Ms. Yasha Rodriguez, Ph.D., Supervisor, Historic Preservation Grants Program; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Ms. Mary Glowacki, Ph.D., Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Ms. Meredith Beatrice, Communications Director; and Ms. Susanne Hunt, Supervisor, Outreach Programs Coordinator.

Guests Present: Ms. Jason Welty, Florida Senate; Mr. Jeff Schweers, Tallahassee Democrat; Mr. Patrick Hodges, Patrick Hodges Land Studio; Ms. Samantha Ferrin, Ms. Maggie Mickler, Mr. Patrick Gillespie, Mr. Tom Berger, Department of Management Services; Mr. Avi Wygodski and Ms. Barbara Goldstein, Mr. Steve Uhlfelder, Holocaust Education Resources Center; and Mr. Monty Starke, Hoy + Stark Architects.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

III. Adoption of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2016 Meeting

Chairman Almy called for a motion to approve the minutes. Commissioner Smith so moved. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gonzalez and approved unanimously.

V. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Almy discussed ongoing issues involving expired term dates and lack of participation in both the Commission and NR Review Board meetings, as achieving quorums at meetings has become an issue that impacts both the members of the Commission and the Division in ensuring that required duties and responsibilities are fulfilled. Chairman Almy asked all Commission members present to discuss their thoughts on the issue. All Commission members present expressed their support and shared concern over the topics covered. The Commission collectively requested that these items be shared with the Secretary of State. Chairman Almy called for a motion to assist with addressing the issues proactively.

Commissioner Smith motioned asking that Dr. Parsons speak with the Secretary of State to request that an immediate appointment be made to replace an inactive member's seat, who serves on both the Commission and NR Review Board, to ensure a quorum in October. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Gonzalez and approved unanimously.

VI. Director's Comments

Dr. Parsons provided an update to the Commission on activities of the Division, and an overview of the 2016 Florida legislative session. Dr. Parsons discussed the recent Statuary Hall meeting; the department's roles and responsibilities on the Dozier Task Force; site improvement efforts at the Miami Circle; and this year's legislative budget request for the Division.

Due to the numerous guests present to view the Capitol Complex Update presentation, Chairman Almy suggested that the agenda be adjusted to allow the presentation to be provided prior to the remaining meeting items.

Staff from the Division of Management Services updated the Commission on current plans for the site, and staff from Hoy + Stark Architects presented a design overview.

The Commission took a brief recess from 10:35 - 10:45 a.m.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Bureau of Archaeological Research Update

Dr. Glowacki provided the Commission with an update on Bureau activities. Dr. Glowacki discussed activity in the Public Lands Archaeology Program, including work with undercover officers, and the Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) program; the Underwater Archaeology Program, including staffing changes and various projects; outreach activity and publications; activity in the Conservation and Collections program, including expansion planning for the state Collections facility, staff involvement in the annual 100% audit, the creation of a 3D format website, work with FWC on collections from Operation Timucua, the need for archival quality boxes for the facility's newly installed compact shelving, updates needed in the state Conservation Lab; staff involvement in Chapter 872, *F.S.*, duties concerning unmarked human remains, and NAGPRA notices; property management and maintenance issues; work with the Florida Panhandle Archaeological Network; and concerns regarding potential upcoming Isolated Finds legislation.

Chairman Almy requested that Dr. Parsons provide a brief update on activity involving the Maple Leaf civil war shipwreck (NHL) in Duval County. Dr. Parsons noted the project permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers has only recently been brought to the attention of the Compliance Review Section at the Division, and explained that two surveys will be conducted to determine if the hull of the wreck was impacted during the trenching activity and placement of cables. The division is working in consultation now with both the National Park Service and the Army Corps of Engineers on the issue.

Dr. Glowacki discussed the recent concern over the request for an underwater permit regarding possible recoveries from the Ribault fleet wreck. Dr. Parsons stated the area is off limits to any commercial activity, and all commercial activities have currently been suspended. The French government has contacted the U.S. State Department to indicate they have declared the area a non-commercial part of the French government fleet.

B. Bureau of Historic Preservation Update

Ms. Lotane provided the Commission with an update on Bureau activities. Ms. Lotane discussed work necessary for preparation of the state's historic comprehensive plan; activity in the Florida Master Site File, resource counts, and new staff members; staffing changes in the Compliance Review Section, including the appointment of a new Supervisor, Mr. Jason Aldridge, and the recent addition of a position in the Section to assist with review of Chapter 1A-31, *F.A.C.*, underwater permits; the continued success of the Florida Historic Golf Trail, which now includes 53 historic and publically-accessible golf courses; the recent hire of Mr. Ruben Acosta as Supervisor of the Survey and Registration Section, Mr. Acosta will start on August 15; Preservation 50 commemorative activities, including interest in increasing designations of National Historic Landmarks within the state to reach 50 designations next year; discussed recent

designations of Certified Local Governments; Main Street Program travel and meetings; and an upcoming seminar by the Architectural Preservation Services Section to be held in Jacksonville.

VIII. Business Items

A. 2016 Florida Legislative Session Update

Dr. Parsons provided this update in the Director's Comments' portion of the meeting.

B. Preservation 50 Commemoration Update

Ms. Lotane advised the Commission on various activities concerning the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the National Historic Preservation Act, including webinars, the creation of a website to highlight division activity on this initiative, planning of downtown Tallahassee tours, an event at Wakulla Springs State Park, work on articles and op-eds, and work with the State Library on bibliographies on the topic.

C. Capitol Complex Update

The update and presentation were provided earlier in the meeting, following rescheduling of the agenda to accommodate numerous guests present for this item.

IX. Other Business

Following earlier discussion on concerns involving participation at the upcoming Grants meeting, Assistant Director Tomlinson opened discussion on alternate dates to be considered. In light of the new and incoming Survey and Registration Supervisor and the need to meet to discuss the National Register process and criteria at the next meeting of the Commission, these items were taken into consideration and will be worked into the schedule. The fall quarterly meeting dates were changed to October 17 to October 19, 8 a.m. to conclusion all days.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Adjourn

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Maureen M. Aug Presiding Officer

 Director, Division of Historical Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

Approved: _____

