

Florida Historical Commission
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Friday, August 7, 2020 9:30 a.m. - Conclusion

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: None.

Commission Members Present Via Webinar: Ms. Marion Almy, Chair; Dr. Judy Bense, Vice Chair; Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. Tim Holladay; Mr. Vincent Luisi; Mr. John Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

Commission Members Not Present: Mr. Steve Birtman.

DOS Staff Members Present: Dr. Timothy Parsons, Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Dr. Paulette McFadden, Supervisor, Public Lands Archaeology; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor; Mr. Michael Hart, Historical Markers Program.

Members of the Public Present: None.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 August 7, 2020, FHC business meeting agenda. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Dr. Smith seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from May 29, 2020, Meeting

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the May 29, 2020, FHC business meeting. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Mr. Luisi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman's Comments

Ms. Almy thanked the commissioners for attending and Division of Historical Resources staff for working remotely and operating smoothly during this period. She also expressed her sadness that funding for the Special Category grants was vetoed from the FY 2020-21 budget.

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. He then provided updates on the Division's Covid-19 response, the budget, and staffing.

Item VII. Committee Reports

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. McFadden to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Parsons provided updates for each program area.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane provided updates for each program area and discussed the Preservation on Main Street conference.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson provided information on FY2020-21 grant funding. Discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Special Category Grant Review and Ranking meeting in September.

Item VIII. Business Items

Ms. Almy asked Dr. Liko to provide the commissioners with upcoming dates for the FHC business meetings.

Item IX. Other Business

Ms. Lotane discussed the potential for a state historic tax credit.

Item X. Public Comment

None.

Item XI. Adjourn

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Spurgeon so moved, and Dr. Smith seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Presiding Officer

State Historic Preservation Officer and
Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: _____