



# SUMMARY MINUTES

**Historic Preservation Board**  
**Broward County Government Center, Conference Room 430**  
**115 South Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**  
**October 19, 2017 6:00 pm**

## Board Members Present

William Gallo, Chair  
Daniel Stallone

Sheldon McCartney, Vice Chair  
Cynthia Strachan-Saunders

Jeff Schwartz  
Derek Davis

## County Staff

Sara Forelle, Planning Section Supervisor  
Chris Flynn, Administration  
Matt DeFelice, Archaeological Consultant  
Earl Bosworth, Director, Cultural Division

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer  
Ben Crego, Assistant County Attorney  
Orlando Garcia, Boards Administrator

## Attendees

No public attendees

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

The public hearing was called to order by the Chair William Gallo, at 6:04 PM. Roll call was taken by Chris Flynn and a quorum was present. Member Cynthia Strachan-Saunders participated via telephone.

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

### III. Approval of Minutes

**Motion:** Member Derek Davis moved to approve meeting minutes for July 25, 2017, as is. Member Daniel Stallone seconded. All in favor.

### IV. Public Comments

None.

### V. Old Business

Historic Preservation Officer Rick Ferrer opened the discussion of historical markers or plaques with a presentation on existing markers. Earl Bosworth presented briefing of markers installed around the county and how they are used and interpreted. This includes markers that the Cultural Division sponsored by local artists. Questions and discussion included initial cost, installation, and maintenance of the markers.

Chair Gallo inquired to the status of Sewell Lock designation. Mr. Ferrer noted that the initiative had included several meetings with the owner, South Florida Water Management, and the site managers, the County's Parks Division. Support from the owner was unsuccessful. The case exceeded the allowed time for action by the Board and therefore, the application is considered

'denied without prejudice.' No further work or action is expected on designation of the site and the case is withdrawn.

Chair Gallo inquired about the Historic Preservation Ordinance updates. This information is expected to be presented at a follow up Board meeting. The Assistant Director, Maribel Feliciano, is expected to present.

Vice Chair McCartney inquired into the repairs and progress of the West Side School, prior home to the Broward County Historical Commission. Mr. Ferrer informed that Planning and Development Management Division had no oversight or involvement, though agencies in the County may be involved. This was a facility leased by the County but owned by a separate entity, located within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Mr. Ferrer will make further inquiries about the status of the site and report back to the Board.

## **VI. New Business**

- A. Miami-Hollywood Speedway. Vice Chair McCartney discussed placing a plaque at the prior Speedway location. Supporters and advocates of the site would consider speaking to the Board. HPO Ferrer will work on aerial overlays showing the old location and what lies there now, and spot potential locations to place a marker. Mr. Ferrer stated that the Speedway site and the formerly adjacent Hollywood Sportatorium site would be good candidates for interpretative markers. He added that a presentation by supporters of the sites and by staff could be done in early 2018, after historical markers have been developed.
- B. Pioneer Day 2018. Earl Bosworth answered questions of the Board to the next date and venue. Review and coordinate with Town of Davie, celebrating its 100 years, on May 10. Mr. Bosworth will coordinate with Vice Chair McCartney on outreach to Davie Commission to discuss potential coordination and hosting of events.
- C. Florida CLG Coordinator Retirement (Cert. of Appreciation). Mr. Ferrer discussed the retirement of Mike Zimny, who retired after 30 years of working at the State's Division of Historical Resources. Mr. Zimny was helpful and supportive of the County and Board's CLG application. A certificate of appreciation from the Historic Preservation Board, for the Chair and Vice Chair to sign, will be forwarded to Mr. Zimny.

## **VII. Report by the HPO**

Mr. Ferrer invited archaeologist Matt DeFelice to discuss his participation in an event hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida at Hollywood Reservation. Mr. DeFelice spoke about his involvement with Title United, South Regional Climate Change Summit, in August. The Summit looked at sea level rises and impacts on archaeological and historical sites.

Mr. Ferrer discussed his October lecture on the topic of 'Unique Houses of Worship in Broward County' for the Hollywood Historical Society.

Mr. Ferrer discussed the State's interest in regional historical sites that were affected by Hurricane Irma. Mr. DeFelice and Mr. Ferrer were both involved in historical and archaeological site assessments. Mr. Ferrer noted there was minor structural damage to one property, out of 17 visited, due to the recent hurricane.

### **VIII. Remarks by the Chairperson**

Chair Gallo inquires of the Board and staff on changing the date of the next Historic Preservation Board Meeting, moving back from November to December.

**Motion:** Vice Chair McCartney moves to change the next meeting date to December 21, 2017, leaving same time and location. Member Swartz seconded. All in favor.

### **IX. Announcements by Board Members**

Chair Gallo discussed the South Side School, previously a County facility school board. The City is currently converting half of it to offices, the other half to community needs.

Member Saunders noted a local producer and film maker used the Bowles-Strachan House, a County-designated historic site, to film "Evils of a Foster Child". Full length film premiered in Fort Lauderdale on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **X. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Member Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Swartz seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

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