

REGULAR MEETING

# SUMMARY MINUTES



Historic Preservation Board (HPB)  
Regular Meeting  
Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 pm

## Board Members Present

Sheldon McCartney, Chair  
Cynthia Strachan-Saunders  
Jonathan Axler

Derek Davis, Vice Chair  
Jeff Schwartz

Anthony Abbate  
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## County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer, UPD

Darby Delsalle, Assistant Director, UPD

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair McCartney at 6:04 p.m.; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established (6 members present, 1 absent)

### II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

### III. Approval of Minutes

MOTION – Vice Chair Davis moves to approve, seconded by Member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

### IV. Public Comments

Sandra McCartney, is re-introduced to the Board. No public comments.

### V. New Business

#### A. Historical Marker Request for the “Bowles Strachan House Historic Site,” a designated Broward County Historical Resource Site

Member Strachan Saunders excuses herself and leaves the meeting room. Staff presents a one-page introduction to the item along with copy of the original designation report. The house was the first residence to be designated by the County (2011) and dates to 1930. The Board considers the request. Vice Chair Davis moves to approve, seconded by Member Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes unanimously. Ms. Strachan Saunders is invited to return to the meeting room after the item is voted on. The Chair states that this is the second historical marker approved by the HPB.

### VI. Old Business

#### **A. Historic Marker Program - Update**

The HPO explains notes that a meeting took place between the Division Director, Assistant Director and himself. A request by the Director for General Funds to be applied to a County historic marker program was denied. The next step is to request funds through the Historic Preservation Fund. Assist Director Delsalle stated that the amount to be initially requested is predicated on what the process is for an administrative threshold request (estimated at \$10,000). How much needs to be discussed with the office budget analyst. If necessary, the item will be taken to the County Commission. Member Schwartz discussed marker types being developed in Parkland and promised to bring examples for the next meeting. The Chair would like the board to review the Parkland examples before making any final choices. He also stated that if a marker lasts 10 years, we should have a program for replacements as well. The board continued to discuss further details such as installation, maintenance, event creation. Member Abbate stated that the focus should not be on installation but on type of signage, the program and how it is set up. The Chair gave a short briefing on the board's interest with markers for newer board members. With no DOT approval for a marker installation on the location previously chosen (bust stop) a municipal Fire Station on the former grounds of the Racetrack is the next preferable location of choice. Member Abbate noted wear and tear issues with signage. Member Axler posed several questions including who initiates a marker request.

#### **B. Historic Designations – Update**

HPO reported that staff is continuing to work on two designations to bring forth to the board in the following year. Many sites in cities such as Hallandale and Dania Beach (recently added to the County's program) are eligible for designation and will be reviewed at with local historical historical societies for addressing.

#### **C. Pioneer Day 2022 – Final Comments**

The Chair and board members noted how pleased they were with the proceedings, venue, music and added as one of the best Pioneer Days ever. Member Abbate thanked the HPO for his work on the event and materials prepared. The Chair asked if there may be additional staff support for the event in 2023. Assistant Director stated that he's working on getting an intern to do some of the work that we need done, a 19 hour per week internship. The Division continues to lobby for additional staff support every year. The Cultural Division continues to provide monies to do the event but they do not produce the event nor support it in any other way.

#### **VII. Comments by Chair**

The Chair shares about the Lighting of the Greens on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Davie, including a lighted horse parade and awards for Christmas tree decorations. The Chair asked about a board member prospect for the board and update on the Legacy Magazine revival effort. Member Axler and Vice Chair Davis state that the format of a revival (digital, hard copy, etc.) is being discussed and reach out to local historical societies.

#### **VIII. Recognition of the Chair's Service to the Board**

The Vice Chair takes a moment to honor the Chair for his years of service, saving Pioneer Day and supporting the board. The Chair is provided with a Certificate of Appreciation from the HPB and staff. A group photograph is taken after the awarding.

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

Vice Chair Davis notes he is working on an oral history project that compares Broward's Black community in 1949 with today's generation with regards to segregated and desegregated schools.

Member Strachan Saunders discusses the Legacy Ball on December 3<sup>rd</sup> which honors the living descendants of the original 23 pioneer families.

**X. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn offered by the Chair. Member Schwartz moves to approve, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously. The meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 7:04 PM.

Adjournment is followed by special song performance of “Oh Holy Night” by Member Strachan Saunders.

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