

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES



Historic Preservation Board (HPB)
Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 20th, 2023 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Derek Davis, Chair
Daniel Stallone

Cynthia Strachan-Saunders
Sheldon McCartney

Kimberly Weismantle
Jonathan Axler

County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer, UPD

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:13 p.m.; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established (6 members present, 2 absent)

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes - HPB Meeting of February 16, 2023

Edit pointed out for page 2, second paragraph, second sentence (eliminate word 'is' at beginning of the line). MOTION – Motion to approve by Member McCartney, seconded by Member Stallone. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

IV. Public Comments

No additional public comments.

V. New Business

A. New HPB member

New member Kimberly Weismantle is introduced to the Board. Ms. Weismantle is the education director at Old Davie Scholl Historical Museum where she leads tours for Broward students. Ms. Weismantle is the author of Images of America: Davie, and conducted podcasts, oral interviews, presentations and helped create special events that acknowledge and honor local history. She was also Educator at the Tallahassee Museum of History and Natural Science and a graduate of Florida State University (MA., History, Historical Administration and Public History).

B. Proclamation for Historic Preservation Month

The Board considers draft language in support of Historic Preservation Month by Member Abbate proposed by the HPB to the County Commission. The Proclamation, if approved, will be scheduled before the County Commission on May 23rd. MOTION – Motion to approve by Member

McCartney, seconded by Member Axler. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.

C. Broward Cemeteries Survey Project

The HPO underlines objectives of a Broward cemeteries survey initiated by desire of the Board. As of the end of April, the HPO will be assisted by a Historic Preservation intern who will be able to provide research support for the survey. Update for the survey will be provided as work progresses.

VI. Old Business

A. Historical Markers

1. Staff requests approval for a draft resolution from the HPB to the County Commission for the approval of funding from the Historic Preservation Fund to establish a Historic Marker Program prepared by the County Attorney's Office. The expenditure is to authorize a fifteen thousand dollars to create the program. Member McCartney urges the Board to move forward with two markers, one for the former Speedway/Sportatorium site and the other for the Bowles Strachan House. MOTION – Motion to approve by Member McCartney, seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes unanimously.
2. Staff presents a historical marker quotation based on inquiries with five companies, including a permanent pole-mounted metal marker alternative and a semi-permanent oval metal laminate marker ("Parkland model"). Board is supportive of both models as alternatives.

VII. Comments by the Historic Preservation Officer

The HPO notes that per Board instruction, local historical societies will be contacted for information and support. The Genealogical Society of Broward County has been identified for assistance with photographic records.

VIII. Comments by the Chair

The Chair notes that a new museum on the culture and history of the Caribbean region is opening. On May 20th, there will be a lecture on Emancipation and how this affected Caribbean islands. He also noted African American oral histories conducted by the African American Research Library and Culture Center as well as others with grant assistance.

IX. Announcements by Board Members

Member McCarthy notes event scheduled at the end of April in Davie to assist local 4-H club(s). Member Weismantle notes that she is helping the Davie HPB identify local historical sites. She also notes the Flamingo Elementary oral histories project (the school opened in 1973).

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn offered by the Chair. Member McCartney moves to approve, seconded by Member Stallone. All in favor, motion passes unanimously. Meeting is adjourned by the Chair at 7:17 PM.

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