

REGULAR MEETING

SUMMARY MINUTES

Historic Preservation Board (HPB)
Regular Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2023 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

Derek Davis, Chair
Jeff Schwartz
Daniel Stallone

Cynthia Strachan-Saunders
Anthony Abbate

Kimberly Weismantle
Jonathan Axler

County Staff Present

Rick Ferrer, Historic Preservation Officer, UPD
Michael Meloni, Historic Preservation Intern

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chair Davis at 6:12 PM; roll call taken by Mr. Ferrer with quorum established.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of allegiance lead by the Chair.

III. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve offered by Vice Chair Schwartz, seconded by member Stallone. All in favor, motion passes.

IV. Public Comments

No additional public comments.

V. New Business

A. October HPB Meeting Date

The HPO reminds the board that the original approved meeting schedule did not include October. HPO recommends that the board meet in October in order to review details and arrangements for Pioneer Day on November 4th. Member Schwartz suggests a meeting on the third Thursday of the month. October 12th is also discussed. The HPB considers having the meeting at the venue, Volunteer Park. Mr. John Feeney of the Plantation Historical Museum will arrange a meeting room at the park for the board.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz makes a motion for a board meeting on October 12th at 6:00 PM at Volunteer Park (if a meeting at venue is not possible, a meeting will take place at GCE); seconded by member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passed.

VI. Old Business

A. Pioneer Day 2023

1. Pioneer Approvals

The HPO informs the board of procedures for approving Pioneer nominees. Nominees are approved in mass and not individually as nominations are one individual from each municipality and/or historical organization. This year, sixteen (16) Pioneers were nominated. Member Strachan Saunders asked if she could make a nomination on behalf of West Park. The Chair noted that the Trailblazers had voted on a nominee and he was surprised that the person was not on the list. The HPO explained that solicitations go out to the chief executive of each municipality and to Broward historical societies and that nominations require significant follow ups, reminders, and extension of deadlines. Late nominations are sometimes accepted right up to the board's meeting date. He stated that if the board voted in favor of accepting a nominee not received during the nomination period, the nominee would be accepted.

Motion: Member Strachan Saunders makes a motion to accept all the Pioneer nominees; seconded by Member Schwartz. All in favor, motion passes.

Motion: Vice Chair Schwartz makes a motion that board keep open the opportunity to include West Park and the Trailblazers to submit their nominees for Pioneer Day until September 29th; seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

2. Awards Nominations

Chair Thomas introduces the four Pioneer Day awards to the board. The HPO goes over each award, what they represent and how nominees are recommended to the board. Support information for each nominee is provide by nominators. The information is then presented to the board and included in the meeting's agenda packet. The board is fee to consider the nominees or consider alternate candidates if it so chooses. Member Abbate asks if it's ok to move a candidate from one award category to another. The Chair answers in the affirmative; nominees can be reassigned to another award category and that the HPB can consider its own nominees as well. Member Abbate suggests an artist who works with historical themes for the HPB Special Award and asks if the artist can be searched on the

internet for review during the meeting. Member Stallone indicates that the host municipality should receive recognition by an appreciation award. The HPO indicates that this was done in 2022 with the hosts receiving an appreciation award. The Vice Chair asks if the board should not formally adopt a 5th award to the 4 existing Pioneer Day awards. The new award would be specific to recognizing each year's Pioneer Day hosts. The Chair restates that there will be a vote for establishing a new award.

Motion: Member Stallone makes a motion to recognize each year's host of Pioneer Day with a new award to be added to the four existing awards; seconded by the Vice Chair. All in favor, motion passes.

The board proceeds to review works by the artist recommended by Member Abbate for an award. The board proceeds to review various nominees for the award categories and makes changes by assigning nominees to award categories it sees more appropriate.

Motion: Vice Chair make a motion to approve Troy Weekly for the Stuart P. McIver Award; seconded by Member Stallone. Four in favor, two oppose, one abstention, motion passes.

Motion: Vice Chair makes a motion to move Robert Carr for the Historic Preservation Board Special Award; seconded by Member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes.

Member Weismantle leaves the room for discussion of the Dr. Cooper Kirk Award.

Motion: Member Stallone makes a motion to approve Kim Weismantle for the Dr. Cooper Kirk Award; seconded by Vice Chair. All in favor, motion passes.

Member Weismantle rejoins the board and the Chair leaves the room for discussion on the Judge Clayton Nance Award.

Motion: Member Abbate makes a motion to approve the Trailblazers of Broward County for the Judge Clayton Nance Award; seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

3. Pioneer Day Promotional Information

The HPO reviews with the board this year's event flyer, promotional cards, save the date, promotional banners and discusses the Program. He notes who is contacted in soliciting Pioneers. The board is amenable to having historical items on display for Pioneer Day, especially by the hosting municipality or group.

Motion: Vice Chair makes a motion to add to Pioneer Day an exhibit or display component each year by the host of the event and if not possible then to a local historical entity or group; seconded by Member Strachan Saunders. All in favor, motion passes.

VII. Comments by HPO

The HPO recognizes the centennial birth of Rocky Marciano marked on September 1st. Marciano was Broward resident for the last decade of his life. Staff conducted a short remembrance at Marciano's grave site to mark the date.

The HPO informed Fort Lauderdale's historic preservation board liaison of the County's HPB's interest in historic designation and a historical plaque for the Vinnette Carroll Theater (Savor Cinema). The City's HPB liaison noted that a designation proposal would need to come by way of an application with an applicant. Member Axler volunteered to take the lead on the item by doing research for the application.

Motion: Member Axler makes a motion to initiate an application for designation to be presented to the City of Fort Lauderdale for the designation of the Vinnette Carroll Theater (Savor Cinema) site; seconded by Member Abbate. All in favor, motion passes.

The HPO introduces a presentation on the venue that intern Michael Meloni has prepared. Mr. Meloni proceeds to present a power point presentation on Volunteer Park and Community Center, site of Pioneer Day 2023.

The HPO introduces John Feeney, director of the Plantation Historical Museum. Mr. Feeney proceeds to go over details being prepared for this year's Pioneer Day event. The board asks several questions related to certain components of the event. The board thanks Mr. Feeney and the City for being hosts this year on their 70th anniversary date.

VIII. Comments by the Chair

The Chair has no comments but notes that he is pleased with the preparations being made for the event.

IX. Announcements by Board Members

Member Axler notes that Dr. Paul George will be conducting cemetery tours in Miami through the end of the year. Member Strachan Saunders notes that historic Liberia will be celebrating its centennial during a 3-day event the weekend of Pioneer Day. October 21st, the Bowles Strachan House celebrates its 82nd year anniversary with an open house. Member Abbate notes that artist Christina Lihan's historical/artistic exhibit is on display at Main Library with event on 9/27 at 5 PM. The exhibit will be expanded for a future display at FAU's School of Architecture during the summer.

X. Adjournment

Meeting is adjourned at 7:44 PM.