

BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES
September 28, 2021

Members Present

Jane Beach, District V
Paula Beckner, District I
Roz Foster, District I
George Kistner, District IV – Chair
Martha Loss, District IV
Henry Parrish, District II
Jack Ratterman, District II – Co-Chair
Gregg Young, District IV

Others Present

Michael Boonstra, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian II Genealogy and Archives
Tammy Moon, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian I Genealogy and Archives.
Bob Gross, Indian River Anthropological Society
Wanda Brown, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm, by the Co-Chair, Mr. Ratterman.

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Foster, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Mr. Foster, seconded by Ms. Beckner, to approve the agenda. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Public Comments

Bob Gross reported the cataloging of Fisherman's Point items is continuing. There are a few new sites to work on at Kempher Ranch. Bob will be giving a talk on the history of Brevard archaeology at the Eau Gallie Library on October 23, 2021 at 3pm.

Archivist Report

Michael Boonstra introduced Central Library's new director, Ms. Wanda Brown. The department has been working to wrap up projects before the end of the year. Work has been done to organize and store the index projects done by volunteers. The department is also working on public requests and research projects, including a request by the Commissioner Tobia regarding all the past county commissioners. There will be continued work on the Brevard County Library System's 50 Years celebration.

New Business

Michael Boonstra reported on the new historical markers and dedications. The Carter-Fuller Mound and the Walker Bridge markers are being restored after having been worn off. The Indialantic Historical Committee is working on a new marker for Tradewinds. Roz reports that the Dennis Sawyer markers will be installed and dedicated in the Fall due to Covid concerns. Travis Hardware is still awaiting a dedication ceremony.

It was decided that the Historical Commission does not need to weigh in with an opinion regarding the re-naming of Brevard County to Space Coast County at this time.

Old Business

Michael Boonstra reported on the Indian River Journal. He has submitted the current issue in progress to the county ADA compliance coordinator and it appears it is not currently compliant. It is not possible for Molly to do it so another solution will need to be found. Michael will check with the county to clarify if compliance is necessary for printed or only for online. Since the budget year ends October 1, 2021, Michael will check to see if the monies allotted for the journal can be carried over to the next budget year.

Roz Foster reported on Heritage Park. Conversation is ongoing as to the direction Field Manor will take in the future. She has made a new conceptual plan and overview to review with the Field Manor sub-committee. Sustainability is of concern and is being discussed. Roz reports interest is still high for the historical aspect Heritage Park would contribute. Some ideas have been floated regarding immersion programs, possible over-night camping, shotgun houses being used as cabins, bike tours and day programs. Jack discussed the possible support that MIRA could provide for the project. Roz continues to work on getting the answer on ownership of the salvaged buildings from the county with a thought to moving a few to Field Manor to get things rolling.

Commissioners' Reports

None.

The next meeting will be held October 26, 2021 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.