

BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022

Members Present

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

Others Present

Michael Boonstra, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian II Genealogy and Archives
Tammy Moon, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian I Genealogy and Archives

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 pm, by the Chair, Mr. Kistner.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Loss, to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2022 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

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

Public Comments

None.

Archivist Report

Michael Boonstra reports that former commissioner Ben Brotemarkle has indicated interest in continuing work on a Zora Neale Hurston historical marker. Research requests continue, including an in-depth one for the lost subdivision of Orlandic. Also reported was the information that the Cocoa Tribune is now available online behind a paywall at newspapers.com.

New Business

A motion was made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Beckner for George Kistner and Jack Ratterman to retain their positions of Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

George Kistner reported that an oral history of former Cape Canaveral Mayor, Rocky Randels will be sought out to add to the archives. If Mr. Randels is agreeable, then former commissioner Molly Thomas will prepare and conduct the interview. Michael Boonstra will arrange the filming and editing.

Old Business

Michael Boonstra reported on the Indian River Journal. The 2500 copies of journal have been printed and are ready for distribution. There is still money in the budget left over for another issue. Discussion followed regarding the future of the journal. No resolution was decided.

Roz Foster reported on Heritage Park. In the meeting between her board and the Field Manor Board (Chuck Nelson, Sue Nesbitt and Jerry Stubbs) it was decided Field Manor Board will be drafting a letter of intent. She also shared a site map of Field Manor and explained the area and setup of the proposed Heritage Park portion. Jack Ratterman explained how MIRA could possibly help the project out with the existing drainage and sewer issues.

Commissioners' Reports

None.

The next meeting will be held April 26, 2022 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.