

## Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)

### Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2014

At the Charlotte County Historical Center (CCHC)  
22959 Bayshore Road, Charlotte Harbor FL 33980

#### Committee Members

Sue Blackwell (46/59)  
Mary Jane Handlin (17/19)  
Lynn Harrell (107/116)  
Michael Haymans (23/42)  
Vernon Peeples (56/66)  
Scot Shively (52/55)  
(3 vacant positions)

#### Present

Mary Jane Handlin  
Lynn Harrell  
Michael Haymans  
Scot Shively  
Vernon Peeples

#### Not Present

Sue Blackwell

#### Staff

Jackie Brown, Historical Program Coordinator  
Jackie Anderson, Admin. Assistant  
Anne Shepherd, Division Manager

#### Guests

#### **9:00 a.m. Roll Call, Call to Order and Approval of Minutes**

*MOTION: HAC meeting minutes for November 13, 2013, were approved unanimously.*

#### Old Business

**HAC Appointments and Terms of Office:** Beverly Cisco, Larry Peck and Diane Munson have submitted their paper work but their organizations have not submitted a letter to the HAC. Have not been approved

**Placida Bunk House:** Luncheon event has been rescheduled to February 15, 2014, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm, bring a bagged lunch and Chairs. Music and drinks provided by Michael Haymans.

**Historical Conference-** on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 has been shelved will be possibility moved to May and dove tail off of F.A.S conference.

**HAC fundraising projects:** Bunk House T-shirt can be sold at libraries and upcoming community events, such as Florida Frontier Day and Lemon Bay Fest/Cracker Days.

#### New Business-

##### **-Mercer Cemetery,**

Anne will try to get permission from the county to tour the property. A group of six to ten people will be able to tour the site for at least four hours. The cemetery has been said to be an Indian mound and the family plot for the Mercer family.

##### **-BCC Workshop January 21, 2014,**

The "what if's" that were asked by the commissioners will be answered.  
It will be decided if the CCHC will be closed for renovations or not.

##### **-Punta Gorda History Center**

Has requested use of small building of the old Health Department.  
*Motion made by Michael Haymans to right a letter of support for the PGHS moving into the health department.*  
*Unanimous yes*

##### **-Oral History**

Interview at the Knight house, An Interview with George Handlin, Betty, and Fred Willis was conducted at the Knight house December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013. They took a tour of the Knight house were George recalled what the house looked like back in the 40's and the 50's. Mr. Handlin provided a snap shot of the house.

##### **-Dock,**

in extreme low tide by the Historical Center you can see where the old posts were put in place.  
Going to contact Steve Koski of Warm Mineral Springs and Little Salt Springs will be contacted when we get a new Historian. Project shelved for now.

-**Demolition at 6454 Scott Street** Punta Gorda, FL has been postponed, need more information.

**Historical Development** – None

**Historical Staff report-** Linda Roberts has retired. The Position for Historian has been opened, hoping to have someone in the position by late February. Has been posted on the official website and looking to put the position on other websites.

**History programs & exhibits-** Society would like the docents to volunteer for Florida Frontier days February 21 & 22

**Archives and “Friends of the Englewood Archives”** – None

**Preservation project updates** - None

**Historical Center update** - Commissioners have not made a decision yet as to where we will be moved.

**Citizen Input** – None

**Member Input and Announcements**

- Lynn: Found a photo of the Hotel Charlotte Harbor on Ebay and other goodies.
- Mary Jane: January 28<sup>th</sup>, Connie Conley 1867. Webb Family Spanish Point.
- Scot: breakfast at the Blanchard House on MLK Day tickets are \$12.00 must RSVP

**Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

**Next HAC Meeting:**

- **HAC monthly meeting-** 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, February 12 , 2014, at CCHC

*These Historical Advisory Committee minutes were approved at the HAC meeting held on February 5, 2014.*

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty, District 1  
Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, District 2  
Commissioner Bill Truex, District 3  
Commissioner Christopher Constance, District 4

Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5  
Ray Sandrock, County Administrator  
Kelly Shoemaker, Assistant County Administrator  
Tommy Scott, Director, Community Services Dept.