

**Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes May 13TH, 2015**

Meeting held at the Charlotte County Historical Center at Grace Street Annex

Committee Members

Sue Blackwell (56/74)
Michael Haymans (31/57)
Scot Shively (67/70)
Larry Peck(11/15)
Dianne Munson (8/15)
Emma-Lou Craig (6/7)
Carol Leonard(3/3)
Gene Murtha (1/1)

Present

Scot Shively
Emma Lou-Craig
Carol Leonard
Michael Haymans
Larry Peck
Gene Murtha

Not Present

Dianne Munson
Sue Blackwell

Staff

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch
Crystal Diff, Programs Coordinator
Jackie Anderson, Program Assistant

Guests

Commissioner Cheryl Cook, North Port
North Port City Attorney Mark Moriarty

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call- Sue Blackwell has an excused absence. Dianne Munson has an unexcused absence.

Old Business – Southland Cemetery Historical Marker The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 15th, 2015 at 10:00 am. Due to the austere location of the cemetery, maps will be sent out to invitees. Also the need for bug spray was emphasized. The forecast predicts a 20% chance of rain. Michael Haymans will not be able to attend the ceremony.

HAC Appointments and Terms of Office –The El Jobean Community League (EJCL) vacant position is currently vacant; however, EJCL member, Bev Cisco and Commissioner Deutsch are working on getting Jim Marshall to return to the HAC to represent the League.

New Business – Gene Murtha was welcomed for his appointment to the committee, he will serve in the At-Large position.

Punta Gorda Airfield Marker- The marker is being paid for by a private sponsor. A motion was made by Michael Haymans for the text to be approved as corrected unless anyone has an objection once they received the final draft text via email. The motion was seconded by Carol Leonard and approved by all members. The goal for this vote was to get the approval prior to the June meeting to ensure adequate time for manufacture and delivery of the marker for the August dedication ceremony.

Historic Surveys

- 7045 York St., Englewood, screen enclosures under house & upstairs porch, **Released**
- 1660 Mel-O-Dee Lane, Englewood, add bathroom & bedroom, **Released**
- 4455 Placida Rd., Englewood, put up fence, **Released**
- 22959 Bayshore Rd. Charlotte Harbor, CCHC demo, **Released**
- 1280 Shoreview., Englewood Beach, window change out, **Released**
- 1095 Shoreview, Englewood Beach, window change out, **Released**
- Damage report to public works re: Indian Spring Cemetery (S. Shively) – Discussion on the damage that had been done to areas of the cemetery. No gravestones were damaged but some survey marker where disturbed. Public Works have addressed the issue and placed markers for vehicle traffic. Public Works had also notified the Sheriff's office about the vehicular damage (donuts) that had damaged the survey markers.
- Dredging Alligator Creek- County has a project to dredge the creek to 6 ft for

navigation. Discussion focused on the possible impact to predicted archaeological areas. Jackie Brown is working with the county staff.

Historical Staff report- Shakespeare in the Park had a great turn out 143 Adults and 5 Children in attendance. The event will happen again during the cooler months, will be re-named "Poetry in the Park" and will focus on Charlotte County. It will be a department wide event. On May 8th Victory Florida (a Viva Florida 500 event) will kick off commemorating the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II. Crystal is developing events and exhibits will be designed for the week of August 10th through the 14th. Hickory Bluff Cemetery will most likely have an interpretive marker placed on site. Jackie Anderson will be on a mandated summer break from May 19th to June 17th, she will be available to volunteer if necessary. Lynn Harrell will be filling in for the HAC duties of taking notes and writing the meeting minutes.

Long Range Plan – CCHC Focus Group will be at Grace St. Tuesday, May 19. Letters to invited citizens have been mailed. Scot Shively will facilitate the group and Carol Leonard might take notes if her schedule allows. Public meetings for CCHC Planning will be

- Tues., June 16th at the Historic Courthouse for Punta Gorda (10am to noon)
- Wed., June 17th at Mid County Library (4pm to 6pm)
- Thurs., June 18th at Englewood Library (10am to noon)
- Need to confirm that Michael Haymans will act as facilitator (schedule dependent) and note takers identified for each meeting.

History Programs & Exhibits- : ***"Preserving Charlotte Harbor"*** May 28th. 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. located at Grace Street Annex. Take part in a hands-on seminar teaching you how to properly handle and store artifacts and the process the Historical Center takes to preserve our County's History. Upcoming program, ***"Midsummer Merriment"*** June 19th, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Bayshore Park. Learn how cultures from all over the world celebrate the summer solstice with fun and interactive lessons. Guests will be encouraged to join in the dance around the Maypole, making sun catchers, and so much more.

Archives and "Friends of the Englewood Archives" – A regular schedule for archiving work has been developed post the Center's move to Grace Street. A large collection of local newspapers are being processed at Grace Street. Also a new collection from the Punta Garden Club is being loaned for digitization.

Historical Center update – Michael Haymans made a suggestion for future use of the end of Bayshore Park (Historical Center location). He suggested installing a mound with a traditional Seminole Indian Chickee. The open structure would provide a suitable location for events in the park and raise awareness to the earlier native inhabitants that called the upper Charlotte Harbor home.

Citizen Input – Commissioner Cook. Thanking the HAC for letting herself and North Port Attorney Mike Moriarty attend the HAC meetings.

Member Input and Announcements –

- Emma-Lou Craig – Working on recruiting volunteers for the upcoming Pioneer Day Programs
- Scot Shively - Emancipation Day at the Blanchard House Museum will be May 23rd 10-3pm. A group of United States Colored Troops (USCT) re-enactors will be participating at the event.
- Carol Leonard - Friends of the Englewood archives have sent out a second anniversary update for members via e-mail and snail mail.
- Michael Haymans-The Hibiscus Festival will take place this weekend May 15-17 in Punta Gorda.
- Larry Peck- None

Adjournment – 10:31 am

Next HAC Meeting:

HAC monthly meeting- 9 A.M., Wednesday, June 10th, 2015 meeting will be held at the Grace Street Annex, 514 East Grace Street, Punta Gorda FL, 33950

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Commissioner Bill Truex,

Commissioner Christopher Constance

Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.