

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)

Meeting Minutes August 13, 2014, 2014

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

Committee Members

Sue Blackwell (52/66)
Mary Jane Handlin (25/26)
Lynn Harrell (114/123)
Michael Haymans (26/49)
Vernon Peeples (56/73)
Scot Shively (59/62)
Larry Peck(5/7)
Dianne Munson (5/7)

Present

Mary Jane Handlin
Lynn Harrell
Scot Shively
Sue Blackwell
Larry Peck
Dianne Munson

Not Present

Vernon Peeples
Michael Haymans
Anne Shepherd, Division
Manager

Staff

Jackie Anderson, Admin. Assistant
Jackie Brown, Historian

Guests

Emma-Lou Craig

9:00 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call

July minutes approved. Michael Haymans and Vernon Peeples have unexcused absences

Old Business – Nutsedge property, Mr. Hungerford has not contacted zoning. It is a contributing home to El Jobean. However, zoning has deemed the property as structurally unsound. Consequently the property has been released from any historical holds.

HAC Appointments and Terms of Office: Bev Cisco's paperwork is still being processed (El Jobean Community League candidate). With Mary Jane Handlin moving her position will need to be filled.

New Business- The September meeting will be about permits. Maryann Franks from Zoning in Community Development will be attending the meeting. Prepare questions for the meeting. Possibly bring up a special permit that will include the Florida Master Site File and Historic Guidelines.

Fundraising – Sell T-shirts at Pioneer days. Still planning on putting a picture of the Bunk House t-shirt in the showcase at the archives, shirts will be sold at the Indian Spring Cemetery tour, and sell t-shirt at speaking engagements.

Punta Gorda History Update- A letter was sent to the BCC supporting the move of the History Center to Punta Gorda Library. Will have to wait for Anne Shepherd to be back to ask questions why there was a problem with a letter being sent.

Historic Surveys- 898 2nd Street Englewood, FL- the owners wanted to extend the lanai existing pad. 1185 Holiday Drive Englewood, FL- the owners want to extend the lanai new pad. Both permits have been released. Zoning made aware of medium probability of archaeological evidence in area. Also informed of 1920s find of human remains (prehistoric) near sites and given instructions if remains are unearthed.

Historical Staff report- Crystal Diff has been selected as the new Historical Coordinator. Crystal Diff was a registrar employee through Snelling. Ten people were selected out of thirty. Crystal Diff fabricated the Hurricane Charley traveling exhibit that is currently at Mid County Regional Library. Crystal should be on board by the next HAC meeting. The Center is still in flux with a projected moving date of September or October.

History programs & exhibits- Florida's Mean Season: Hurricane Charley August 20, 2014 10:30a.m at Englewood-Charlotte Library and 3p.m. at Mid County Regional Library, The Chilling Tales of Charlotte County traveling exhibit, and the Tales of Indian Springs Cemetery Tour October 25th, 2014 5-8p.m.

Archives and "Friends of the Englewood Archives" –

Preservation project updates – Create a preservation to show the public and officials why we need historic perseveration. The plan would show how the citizen's tax dollars are being used. The plan would be an easier to read version of the ordinance. This will be a group project. After HAC meetings there will be subcommittee meetings/ workshops to work on the project. A county entity will have to approve the plan.

Cookie House- Is being processed to be put on the National Register, also prepping for docent/ honor students to be present at the Cookie House January, February, and March. MOTE Marine would like to collaborate on this project.

Bunkhouse- A grant application is in progress. A grant was presented to Linda Roberts for \$300,000 but the grant was pulled because of the bad economy in 2008. Jackie Brown is going to apply for the grant next year. Work on the Bunkhouse would be done in phases on the outside and then fundraise for the inside to be preserved.

Mercer Cemetery- An archaeologist would need to be hired in December when the weather is dry to look for remains.

Last December a dock was found behind the Center in extreme low tide. We would need a marine archaeologist to find the polls and carbon-date the findings. Note: any artifacts discovered in navigable waters are the domain of the State of Florida & should be reported to them accordingly.

Historical Center update – County staff and Snelling staff are packing files & equipment; non-essential items are being marked for storage. Essential items are being marked for transfer to Grace Street. Projected date to move to Grace Street Annex is September / October.

Citizen Input – None

Member Input and Announcements

- Scot Shively: The Blanchard House will open September 26, 2014. Is going to try and arrange for a tour of the Useppa Island museum and lunch at the hotel.
- Mary Jane Handlin: Pioneer Days August 30 – September 1, 2014. For More information go to www.EnglewoodPioneerDays.com
- Sue Blackwell: Have not had a board meeting since June. Gearing up for new events
- Larry Peck: Will be on vacation in September.
- Dianne Munson- Lobster Bake September 21 tickets are available.

Adjournment – 10:35 am

Next HAC Meeting:

- **HAC monthly meeting-** 9 a.m. September 10th, 2014. Meeting will be at the Charlotte County Historical Center.

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty, Dist. 1

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch, Dist. 2

Commissioner Bill Truex, Dist. 3

Commissioner Christopher Constance, Dist. 4

Commissioner Tricia Duffy, District 5

Ray Sandrock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Ass't County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.