

**Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)  
Meeting Minutes September 10, 2014, 2014**

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

**Committee Members**

Sue Blackwell (53/67)  
Mary Jane Handlin (26/27)  
Lynn Harrell (115/124)  
Michael Haymans (27/50)  
Vernon Peeples (56/74)  
Scot Shively (60/63)  
Larry Peck(5/8)  
Dianne Munson (5/8)

**Present**

Sue Blackwell  
Mary Jane Handlin  
Michael Haymans  
Scot Shively  
Lynn Harrell

**Not Present**

Vernon Peeples  
Dianne Munson  
Larry Peck

**Staff**

Jackie Anderson, Admin. Assistant  
Jackie Brown, Historian  
Anne Shepherd, Division Manager

**Guests**

Emma-Lou Craig

**9:45 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call**

August minutes approved with corrections. Larry Peck has an excused absence.  
Vernon Peeples would be willing to come back to the Historical Advisory Committee if the Committee wants him back.

**Old Business –**

**HAC Appointments and Terms of Office:** Bev Cisco's paperwork is still being processed (El Jobean Community League candidate). Emma-Lou Craig will be taking Mary Jane Handlin's (Lemon Bay Historical Society) position on the board. Ms. Craig's letter has been turned in.

**New Business-**

- Maryann Franks from zoning came in to explain the process of how their department does the permits and demo permits. Discussed changes to the permit, two would be created for building and demoing. The demo permit would have a checklist of things a person would need like abstract of title and the person pulling the permit would have to provide background information. There is no penalty if a house goes missing during the night.
- The HAC was asked to write a letter to support the position of a part time Archivist. A motion was made by Michael Haymans" Reprimend approval of the part time archivist as requested by our advisory staff with the caveat that we want to explain the problems inherent that with our existing personnel and existing contract workers" . The motion was second by Mary Jane Handlin and supported by Sue Blackwell. Ms. Blackwell and Ms. Handlin will write the letter in support of the position to the BCC.

**Fundraising** – 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-** None

**Historical Staff report-** The Center is still in flux with a projected moving date of September or October.

**History programs & exhibits-** *Florida's Mean Season: 1926 Hurricane* September 17 at ECL & MCRL. The Chilling Tales of Charlotte County traveling exhibit opens September 15<sup>th</sup> at Mid-County Regional Library, The Tales of Indian Springs Cemetery Tour October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 5-8p.m. tickets go on sale October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Archives and "Friends of the Englewood Archives"** – Articles/ Agreement by January 2015. A tour is being planned of the Sarasota Historical Center/ Archives.

**Preservation project updates** – The libraries would like a try-fold/ Brochure on Historic Preservation to hand out at in their lobbies.

**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.

**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** – Emma-Lou Craig: Pioneer days were a success.

### **Member Input and Announcements**

- Scot Shively: Emancipation Day at the Blanchard House Museum September 27, 2014 2-5 P.M.
- Mary Jane Handlin: Will be leaving the HAC. Lemon Bay Historical Society had a double booth at Pioneer days and did well for the two day event. Programs on the fourth Friday of October.
- Sue Blackwell: Things are in the works for October. Will have more information next meeting.
- Michael Haymans- Will be portraying William Lloyd Garrison for Emancipation day at The Blanchard House Museum.
- Lynn Harrell- Lobster Bake September 20, 2014. Tickets are still on sale.

**Adjournment** – 11:35 am

### **Next HAC Meeting:**

- **HAC monthly meeting-** 9 a.m. October 8th, 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.