

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)
Meeting Minutes June 8, 2016
Meeting held at the Mid County Regional Library.

Committee Members

Sue Blackwell (64/87)
Emma-Lou Craig (15/20)
Michael Haymans (35/70)
Carol Leonard (12/16)
Dianne Munson (19/29)
Gene Murtha (8/15)
Larry Peck (22/29)
Scot Shively (79/84)
Pat Spence (9/12)

Present

Sue Blackwell
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Scot Shively
Pat Spence

Not Present

Michael Haymans
Emma-Lou Craig
Gene Murtha

BOCC Liaison:

Stephen R. Deutsch

Guests

Valarie Colbert—DAR
Gina Gilbreath---Public Works

Staff

Maryanne Sharkey, Community Services
Lanette Hart, Manager, Library & History

9:04 a.m. Call to Order, Roll Call – The May meeting minutes were read, motion to approve as amended by Pat Spence and second by Carol Leonard. Motion carried to approve.

Old Business:

Charlotte County Historical search for a Historian—the job is posted on several sites hoping this will broaden the receiving of applicants. It will be posted for 2 weeks and can be extended if necessary.

Seasonal Historical Assistant is posted for the History Center.

New Business:

Gina Gilbreath of Public Works explained some of the items they do such as the Adoptive Cemetery Program (hand-outs were distributed on this). They are looking for organizations either profit or not for profit groups to adopt cemeteries. She explained the difference between private, abandoned and county owned cemeteries. There is a beautification element with Hickory Bluff and Southland Trail Cemetery because they have been abandoned. At Indian Springs Cemetery new section has had parking bumpers installed. Public Works has been looking at an idea of dedicating a veteran's section in either Carl Bailey or Indian Springs Cemetery. There are over 380 known veterans in Indian Springs Cemetery alone, and she would like to get some feed-back from the community on this as there would be no additional cost to the county. Explanation was given on groups putting in plants. Must have any plants approved by the Public Works landscape manger to insure they are native Floridian plants. Gina explained how they mark the "unmarked" sites with ground penetrating radar and data strips. They have sent some strips to US Radar and they will get back with staff and go over the strip results with them. Gina continues to input into the cemetery database and is working with the county IT department to see if certain point of the data can be made public with GIS maps.

Question was asked if the refurbishment of the Bunk House was in the 2018 budget. Lanette will look into and report back.

Historical Development/Reviews:

8128 Roy Dr., PG (Shell Creek) - demolition of 51 yr. old house—approved
6275 Elliott St., PG - demolition of a dilapidated shed (age was approx.. 20 years)---approved
1908 Pennsylvania Ave., Englewood – installation of 4 post boat lift---approved
No historic buildings have come up to date.

Archives & Collections:

Object collections accession/reorganization is on-going at Grace St. and the Englewood Charlotte Archives. Englewood Archive Friends sent out their 3rd anniversary membership update.

Historical Markers:

PGAAF marker with PGAA signage—they have proof of small marker and are awaiting for it to arrive, ready to schedule dedication

McCall marker—waiting on perspective speaker to schedule date

Albert Gilchrest mini marker—(paid for by the CC Historical Society)--Scot handed out a draft of the working for the marker, members looked it over made changes to the verbiage and will have a clean copy at the July meeting.

Hickory Bluff Mounds – Live Oak Park (sponsored by HB Chapter, NCDAR) – Scot is working with Valarie Colbert on this.

Citizen Input:

None

Member Input:

Members shared information on the different organizations they are involved in.

Adjournment –10:07 AM

Next HAC Meeting:- 9 A.M., Wednesday, July 13, 2016 to be held at Mid-County Regional Library, 2050 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte

cc:

Commissioner Ken Doherty

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Commissioner Bill Truex,

Commissioner Christopher Constance

Commissioner Tricia Duffy

Ray Sandroock, County Administrator

Kelly Shoemaker, Deputy County Administrator

Tommy Scott, Director, Community Svcs Dept.