

**Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)  
Informational Meeting Minutes Only  
March 12, 2014**

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

**Committee Members**

Sue Blackwell (47 /61)  
Mary Jane Handlin (19/21)  
Lynn Harrell (109/118)  
Michael Haymans (24/44)  
Vernon Peeples (56/68)  
Scot Shively (54/57)  
Larry Peck(2/2)  
Dianne Munson (1/2)

**Present**

Mary Jane Handlin  
Lynn Harrell  
Scot Shively  
Larry Peck

**Not Present**

Vernon Peeples  
Dianne Munson  
Sue Blackwell  
Michael Haymans

**Staff**

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

**Guests**

Joe Blase

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

**Did not have a quorum. Michael Haymans and Vernon Peeples had excused absences. Informational meeting conducted. Minutes from February not approved.**

**Old Business**

**HAC Appointments and Terms of Office:** Larry Peck (CC Genealogical Society) and Dianne Munson (CC Historical Center Society) have been approved and attended first meeting. Bev Cisco's paperwork is still being processed (El Jobean Community League candidate).

**Placida Bunk House:** The brown-bag luncheon event on Feb. 16, organized by Michael Haymans, was well-attended, mostly by Englewood area residents. Joe Blaize had attended and said he spoke to Frank Desguin, who also attended, re: previous offer from Charlotte-DeSoto Builders Association to provide volunteer labor for the bunk house restoration, which Mr. Blaize had also reported to Commissioner Truex. Mr. Blaize thought that Commissioner Truex had approved the use of volunteers and wanted to know why the restoration was not underway. Issues of liability were discussed, and the difficulties of using volunteer labor on public buildings, which must meet higher standards than privately owned buildings. Mr. Blaize gave the Punta Gorda History Park as an example of volunteer-restored and maintained "public" buildings. It was pointed out that while the PG History Park is owned by the city, the buildings are owned by the PG Historical Society and maintained by PGHS volunteers. Buildings in the park are open to the public, but not publicly-owned.

**Historical Mini-Conference-** May 8<sup>th</sup>. May be able to have the event at Grace Street. The theme is: Educate, Entertain, and Enthuse.

**New Business-**

- Jackie Brown was selected as Historian
- Demo app at Nutsedge, info requested from Zoning and Code as to why they propose demolition, house is a contributing structure to El Jobean Historic District. The owner wants to restore it, is currently not living on the property.
- Demo app for rear overhang at "Shenanigans Pub" on Broadpoint Drive, Harbour Heights, has been released. Exterior rear overhang altered, detracts from historic integrity of the building.

## **Historical Staff report-**

**History programs & exhibits-** In April, "Florida's Mean Season" will be presented by Jackie Brown, a series of lectures on the most deadly and destructive Hurricanes in Florida. Off-site exhibit, "Rising from the Rubble," commemorating 10-year anniversary of Hurricane Charley, is in production and will be installed for viewing at Courthouse first, then moved to Mid-County library.

**Archives and "Friends of the Englewood Archives"** – No archival processing being done due to staff shortage; collections and reference materials boxed, awaiting word on relocation plans.

**Preservation project updates** – Mercer cemetery could be a Belle Glade era Indian burial site. Also discussed possibility of consulting FPAN on remains of dock pilings evident behind CCHC, might be from the 1860's (original Knight's Dock?). An underwater archaeology specialist would be needed to determine age.

**Historical Center update** – No decision yet as to when CCHC operations will be moved. Daily operations impacted by preparations for relocation. Ongoing collections management is on hold due to relo prep. Most FIC collections need accession numbers assigned or changed, many other donated collections have yet to be processed and assigned accession numbers, scanned/photographed and uploaded for online access.

**Citizen Input** – Joe Blaize, west county resident, commented on the "great job" done on the Cookie House restoration, what historic preservation adds to a community, and how he would like to see more citizen involvement in restoration projects. He also spoke of concerns about Placida Bunk House, and way-finding program under development by the Tourism department. Since this was an informational meeting, Mr. Blaize also commented on other agenda items throughout the meeting.

## **Member Input and Announcements**

- Mary Jane: Lemon Bay Historical Society meeting will be March 25, 7p.m., at Green Street Church museum. Ray & Doris Scott will perform "Old Englewood" skits and music, they've lived in Florida for fifty years. No cost.
- Lynn & Scot: Punta Gorda Historical Center is doing their annual Historic House tours March 15 & 16. Several PGHS volunteers will be costumed, stationed at various buildings on the tour, some will portray early settlers. \$15 for admission.

## **Adjournment -**

### **Next HAC Meeting:**

- **HAC monthly meeting-** 9:00 a.m. April 9, 2014, at CCHC

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

cc:

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