

SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

August 17, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on August 17, 2006, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Batman at 3:15 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Lillian Griffin, Robert Hughes, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, Dave Miller, Beverly Mason, Cecil Tucker, and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Don Epps, Phil Tua, Bonnie Ward, Paul Zuromski

Announcements:

The June minutes were approved. There was no meeting for July.

Linda thanked everyone for coming to the BCC meeting on June 27, 2006.

Lillian reported that Lorraine Whiting is doing as well as can be expected. All Lorraine wants to know is how the museum is doing.

Karen reported that Don Epps wife was in the hospital and won't be at the meeting.

Sanford Herald Project: Karen reported that the original Sanford Herald bound papers are now in the Museum's climatic controlled room. A RFP from the county will be issued to go out for bid. The papers are from 1908- 1970.

Marriage Records: Karen reported that this project is completed and is now on the Museum's web site. This makes available to the public circa 1800-1913 (Orange County and Seminole County 1913-1980)

School Histories: The early school histories are now on the web site prior to 1913.

Educational and Multi-Purpose Building Status: The grant application was sent off to Tallahassee and the dates for this grant are November 13, 14, 15, 2006. This is a 2 to 1 match.

Ryan Ruskey from Ft. Lauderdale was employed to write the Cultural Affairs grant. Many questions were asked about why a firm in Ft. Lauderdale was employed to write this grant. There should be one point of contact for the grant not a group of many. A discussion ensued.

The board appropriated \$150,000 to start the process of actual designs and specifications with an architect etc.

Bus for Grant Trip: Linda presented to the group about a bus to go to Tallahassee. Linda will provide the cost of the bus vs car. Each person will be responsible for their own cost of the hotel room, meals, bus or car gas etc. Linda will present the cost at the next meeting. Society members are to be included. Commissioner Dallari has indicated he would like to go to Tallahassee with the group. If granted, funds would be available in 2007. Appointments could be made in advance to see legislatures while in Tallahassee.

Cemetery Book: Cecil will be handling this with Bonnie Ward. This project is in progress.

Historical Marker:

- Farmer's Market-** November dedication ?
- Wagner-** Beverly to find out from her sources
- Gabriella-** discussion about new location
- Hospital:** marker site to be determined at BCC
- Lake Mary Presbyterian Church:** Ettie Jane -Sundell
- Bradlee-McIntyreHouse-Longwood-** finished
- Altamonte Hotel-**

Sugar Cane Exhibit: Out door sugar cane exhibit. Cecil will get measurements to Robert Hughes for timbers for the exhibit. Society will handle this exhibit.

Chickdee: Karen suggested constructing a Seminole Chickdee on the Museum grounds. The cost would be about \$350 if we can furnish the palm fronds. Reese Moore agreed to construct the Chickdee. The lumber needs to be treated before going into the ground. Karen would like to see this project accomplished before May of next year in time for the summer camp.

Map Assessment: A surveyor will be coming soon.

New Business:

New Exhibits: Karen proposed the following suggestions:

- Remove the buggy and wagon to the Educational Building freeing up the space for a black history, World War 11, or the Lincoln connection display.
- Leave space open for larger traveling exhibits (not costly for larger exhibits)
- New building/mural in background with tractors in front.
- Use gift shop area for another exhibit
- Black History needs to be expanded (open for suggestions)
- Naval Base
- Veterans

John Bistline suggested a mini theater with looped 5 to 10 minutes of each subject; 15 to 20 chairs. Push a button. (space where the buggy and wagon is now)
(we are space limited)

Should each community have their own little 10 minute video? The public could push a button, listen and see.

Could SGTV produce the small videos? Maybe a grant could be obtained for the production of the video.

Submit ideas and suggestions for a museum wish list.

Society Report: Appraisal Fair will be held on September 16, 2006 in Longwood.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45