

April 15, 2009

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COLLIER COUNTY
HISTORICAL/ARCHAEOLOGICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

Naples, Florida, April 15, 2009

LET IT BE REMEMBERED, that the Collier County Historical/
Archaeological Preservation Board in and for the County of Collier, having
conducted business herein, met on this date at 9:15 A.M. in REGULAR
SESSION at the Collier County Community Development Services Division
Conference room #610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida with the
following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Patricia Huff
Pam Brown (absent)
William Dempsey
Sharon Kenny
Elizabeth Perdichizzi
Rich Taylor
Craig Woodward (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Melissa Zone, Principal Planner, Zoning Dept.
Cheri Rollins, Administrative Secretary
Steve Williams, Assistant County Attorney
Tony Ruberto, Parks & Recreation
Alex Sulecki, Conservation Collier, Facilities Mgmt. Dept.
Melissa Hennig, Conservation Collier

I. Roll Call/Attendance:

Chairman Patty Huff called the meeting to order at 9:20 A.M.
Roll Call was taken and a quorum established.
Sandra Bottcher, from Q. Grady Minor was also present

II. Addenda to the Agenda:

ADD under item V. Discussion of meeting date for May –Melissa Zone

Sharon Kenny moved to approve the Addenda to the Agenda. Second by Betsy Perdichizzi. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

III. Approval of Agenda

Betsy Perdichizzi moved to approve the revised agenda. Second by Sharon Kenny. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

IV. Approval of Minutes: March 21, 2007

Sharon Kenny questioned the adequate addressing of Lois Bolin's concerns in the minutes and verbiage used.

Melissa Zone explained the oral and written comments provided by Lois Bolin were included in the minutes and entered into the public record along with her handout, just as all handouts are. She provided a copy of those comments for those who were not in attendance at the March 25th meeting.

Steve Williams clarified that Minutes of a meeting reflect what was said and done at a meeting. Minutes wording cannot be changed, but can be corrected at a future meeting upon verification of the recording of the meeting in question.

Will Dempsey moved to approve the minutes of March 25, 2009 subject to the review of the recording for that date. Second by Rich Taylor. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

V. Department of Zoning & Land Development Review Report

Discussion of Addenda Item: Meeting in May

Melissa Zone explained the current furlough program established by the County requires her to be off during the week of the regularly scheduled HAPB meeting (May 20).

After discussion and checking the room availability it was agreed to move the next meeting date to May 27, 2009 at 9:15 AM

Chairman Patty Huff spoke about the letters sent out to the various Museums and Historical Societies regarding the Lake Trafford canoes and asked this item be put on the May Agenda for further discussion.

As a courtesy to the presenters, item VII. New Business was taken up before item VI. Old Business.

VII. New Business

A. Pepper Ranch presentation

Alex Sulecki, Conservation Collier 2020 Coordinator and Facilitator of its 9-Member Board and Manager of several of its properties, presented an informative talk on the background, status and proposal for Historic Designation of Pepper Ranch. She stressed:

- Conservation Collier's background, purpose and properties –(4,000 acres, 2 preserves)
- Status of Pepper Ranch – 1,225 acres, 10 different types of habitats
- Consideration for Historical Designation
- Environmental, historical and cultural resource of Pepper Ranch
 - a. Functioning Oil Wells
 - b. Cattle leases
 - c. Oil, Gas & Mineral Rights (except for 2 quarter sections)
 - d. Watershed adjacent to Lake Trafford
 - e. Developing and Managing Public Use and Access
- Funding comes from ad valorem taxes ends in 2013
- Buildings, historical activity and archeological artifacts found in area
- History of the Pepper Family

Melissa Hennig commented that an Archaeological Survey of the bank area had been suggested and may be budgeted in the future. She stated 15% of monies received are set aside in a management fund for the 19 preserves managed by Conservation Collier.

Alex Sulecki noted portions of the property are to be open to the public and questioned the boundaries that may be placed on the management should there be a Historical Designation. The Ordinance states- within 90 days of acquiring a property they need to have an Interim Management Plan to prepare for a Long Term Management Plan due in 3 yrs. (The plan is reviewed and modified every five years.)

Challenges mentioned:

- Cattle leases in place
- Cattle vats (toxic residue) - negotiations with private owners to remove and replace soil.
- Segregate 12 acres from public use
- Working with oil truck access and drilling operations.

Two more properties (235 acres and 800 acres) were offered to Conservation Collier but funding opportunities have been suspended.

Will Dempsey noted the Lodge and vats seemed like they would have significant historic and archeological value which could be investigated.

Melissa Zone explained parts of the Ordinance describing the process of Designation, the requirements and criteria; even without a formal Historical Assessment. She noted the Grant options opened to sites designated as Historic. Pepper Ranch seemed to have those qualifications.

Betsy Perdichizzi asked about a continuation of the levy to ad valorem tax to continue Conservation Collier.

Alex Sulecki responded the aim is to get the word out to the public so they will want Conservation to continue. To that end a planned Sneak Peak Trail Hike on May 9, 2009 will take place from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It is a 1.3 mile guided hike limited to 80 people (reservations needed). The lodge and portions of the Ranch will be available to the public.

Alex Sulecki invited the HAPB members to visit the site and discuss the possibility of Historic Designation. The members were open to a site visit. Arrangements will be made with the property manager of Pepper Ranch.

Betsy Perdichizzi suggested including a visit to the canoes at the same time.

VI. Old Business:

A. Mar-Good Park

Melissa Zone provided a slide show of pictures taken of the site at the March 25th Meeting and tour.

Tony Ruberto, Parks and Recreation Project Manager, explained the large building is slated as an interpretive center. Five of the cottages (the oldest structures) on Pettit Ave. are only ones to be saved. Plans are to refurbish and/or rebuild them as well as the old Cistern found on the property. This will be done over a five-year period. Until it is determined they are structurally sound the public will be able to view them from the outside.

Sandra Bottcher, Parks and Recreation, stated the rest of the buildings will be sold or moved depending on the amount of termite damage. She suggested holding off on the Historical Designation process until the soundness of the structures can be determined. She will provide HAPB members with updates on the progress made at what was once a 1920's fish camp.

Chairman Patty Huff urged the Parks and Recreation representatives to use every effort to preserve and restore the "shotgun" style houses (#'s 9 through 11).

The Historical Assessment said it was worth saving # 6 if it was found to be the Johnson's original home. She inquired about obtaining a list of the items found at the site, especially in the large main building. She also asked that any artifacts that will not be displayed at the Mar-Good property be offered to the various museums (Collier, Everglades and Marco).

Tony Ruberto stated some items are being stored at the Regional Park, some at Parks & Recreation and some will go to the museums. He suggested contacting Nancy Olson at Parks & Recreation regarding a detailed inventory of items found. He stated the other buildings not being considered for restoration can be bought by other groups or individuals and must be relocated.

Melissa Zone announced, if everything comes together, all three designations will go to the Board together by June.

VIII. Public Comments

Chairman Patty Huff mentioned unfinished business items she would like included for the May Agenda:

- The Markers
- Historic booklets
- Cities resolutions -regarding inter-local agreements
- Naples Zoo items of interest to HAPB.
- Encourage member attendance to comply with Ordinance requirements.

Cheri Rollins will check with Pam Brown regarding her intentions to remain on the Board.

Sharon Kenny left at 10:40 AM

IX. Board Member Announcements

Chairman Patty Huff asked for a motion to correct the spelling of Bula Mission as shown on page 3 of the Minutes of March 25, 2009. It went unnoticed at the time of the Approval of the Minutes.

Betsy Perdichizzi moved to correct the spelling of Bula Mission as shown on page 3 of the Minutes previously approved. Second by Rich Taylor. Carried unanimously, 4-0

Betsy Perdichizzi reported the funding to build the Living History Hall was in place, insuring the completion of all the buildings of the Marco Museum at the same time. She spoke of:

- Mass campaign and letter writing to help with the building fund for City of Marco Museum.
- \$380,000 short of \$4.5 million goal
- Founders Circle closes May 15 (A donation of \$1,000 over four-year period for recognition on the wall)
- New owners of Marco Island Inn cooperating with preserving the property
- April 15 @ 7PM -Meeting of Archaeological Society at Bonita Springs Community Center. Talk on Calusa artifacts as taken from Spanish archives.

Chairman Patty Huff passed out flyers inviting everyone to the 11th Birthday of the Museum of the Everglades celebration to be held on Saturday, April 25, 2009.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 9:15AM.

There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 10:52 A.M.

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Chairman, Patty Huff

These minutes approved by Board/Committee on 6-17-09 as presented _____ or as amended _____.