

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

Naples, Florida, March 18, 2015

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 in Conference Room #607, Collier County Growth Management Division – Planning and Regulation , 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida, with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: William Dempsey (excused)  
VICE CHAIRMAN: Sharon Kenny (excused)  
Eileen Arsenault  
Patricia Huff  
Elizabeth Perdichizzi  
Rich Taylor  
Craig Woodward

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Manager – Zoning Services Manager  
Fred Reischl, Staff Liaison, Senior Planner

**I. Roll Call/Attendance**

**Acting Chairman Craig Woodward** called the meeting to order at 9:19 A.M.  
Roll call was taken and a quorum established.

**Eileen Arsenault** was welcomed to the HAPB as the BCC's approved candidate for the position vacated by **Matthew Betz**.

**II. Addenda to the Agenda**

**ADD: Under New Business - VI- B. Selection of a new Chairman - due to the resignation submitted by current Chairman William Dempsey.**

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

*Patty Huff moved to approve the Agenda, including the Addenda item VI - B. Second by Rich Taylor. Carried unanimously, 5-0.*

**IV. Approval of the Minutes: February 18, 2015**

*Patty Huff moved to recommend approval of the Minutes of February 18, 2015, as presented. Second by Elizabeth Perdichizzi. Carried unanimously 5-0. (Patty commented the updated amount of the fundraiser for the Smallwood Store noted under 5-D in the minutes had a final total of \$15,000; \$6,000 more than originally reported.)*

**V. Old Business**

**A. HAPB's Historic Guide Second Print status**

**Patty Huff** reported on she had e-mailed Jack Wert regarding more boxes of the guide. He had responded the TDC would need 3 quotes for the additional order. She had obtained the quotes. The quote from the vendor of the first printing was the low bid once again; and was. - (\$4,075 for 10,000 copies averaging out to about 41 cents a copy.)

Patty had also spoken with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, who was very impressed with the guide and asked to have several copies sent to his various offices.

Patty stated she carries a supply with her in her travels around the County. Hotels, restaurants and tourist stops have been very receptive of the Guide.

**Elizabeth Perdichizzi** stated The DAR requested 600 or 700 booklets to distribute at their convention in Orlando and were thrilled to have them to pass out all over the state.

**Craig Woodward** suggested sending a few copies to Michael Zimney at the State of Florida's Bureau of Historical Preservation. He added it would be helpful to be able to track who was actually using the guides and to get some feedback.

**Fred Reischl** offered to bring a box to distribute to State Planners at their Conference being held in September at Hollywood Florida.

**B. Pepper Ranch Update –Discuss Potential for Historic Designation**

**Alex Sulecki**, representing Conservation Collier, provided an update on the improvements and future plans for the Pepper Ranch property. She displayed photos and maps of the various locations in the plans. She explained the project was started in 2010 and a archaeological survey was conducted at the Visitors Center site. It turned up some bone and pottery shards which were marked, and the area noted as an archaeological site. They had installed a restroom shower and new water system. The Lodge floors were redone to include a handicap accessible ramp. There will be 9 miles of trails for shared hiking, biking and walking. Permits were in the works for a 100' boardwalk and covered observation platform on Lake Trafford. There are also 10 campsites. No progress had yet been made with the Historic Preservation aspect. Alex asked for help with the process; the pros and cons of Historic Designation.

**Ray Bellows** explained the advantages of Historic Preservation status, such as relief from certain building codes and permitting requirements; landscape and zoning restrictions and sometimes grants available to help with the project. It was suggested that Nancy Olson be contacted for the proper paperwork and instructions for the application.

Ray also spoke about the Certificate of Appropriateness which is approved by the HAPB for any modifications or alterations to the building done at the site.

**Fred Reischl** explained replacement and/or demolition, citing Beulah Mission, the Keeywaydin house and Weaver Station. They were in such poor condition that they could not be preserved; but, the site is still noted as historic.

**Alex Sulecki** stated an archaeological survey would have to be done and one which would show any impact on wildlife and on public use. This may be an issue with hunters and bikers vs. wildlife protections. The Fish and Wildlife Protection has many requirements and issues that may come in to play between public use and wildlife protection. The Visitors Center will be open from Oct. to May-Friday, Saturday and Sunday on non-hunter weekends.

There was further discussion about Otter Mound and its construction. The question was did Mr. Otter build the wall or add to it. Craig Woodward provided some background on the mound. A study would have to be done; but, money for the research project would have to be obtained to do a study on the walls of Otter Mound and who actually constructed it.

**C. Update on the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Marco Island**

**Craig Woodward** provided a recap of and background information on the process discussed at prior meetings to bring everyone up to date and to benefit new member, Eileen Arsenault. He stated the newest City Planner was steeped in work, trying to catch up with the work of the new job and could not address the interlocal agreement issue at this time. He again noted it would be best to utilize the HAPB and the County's Ordinance with a few tweaks to the City of Marco's

ordinance and terminology. In the future agreements with the other municipalities, the same agreement could be implemented.

**D. Discuss the Burt Harris Private Property Rights Protection Act**

**Ray Bellows** explained the process: a letter is sent by certified mail to owner of private property stating the intention of Historical Designation. The owner then would respond if they were in favor or not of the designation. He provided background for the Bert Harris Property Rights Law and how it was being used by Florida Georgia Grove in the Mamie Street controversy. The HAPB letter to FGG had no response. The County Attorney was consulted and determined there would be no deal and no cooperation to begin a Historic Designation as long as litigation on the site was unfinished.

**Patty Huff** stated the purpose of the HAPB was to bring to light any site that was of historic or archaeological significance and provide the owners with information about the benefits of historical designation. If an owner opposed those suggestions, there was little the HAPB could do.

**Ray Bellows** went on to explain that all of Chokoloskee Island has been cited as archaeologically historic by several archaeologists and historians over the years. However, much of the island had been developed, sites and artifacts disturbed; making it more difficult to supersede private property rights.

**VI. New Business**

**A. Historic Naples Indian Canal**

**Fred Reischl** distributed copies of an article published in the Naples Daily News, along with a map of the pathway of the Canal. The history has been established by the Naples Backyard History group. The canal ran from the Gulf of Mexico to Naples Bay, from Ninth Avenue South to south of 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, roughly a mile long. An 1877 expedition funded by the Smithsonian Institution showed it to be about 50 ft. wide and 25ft. below ground. It was used from approximately 700 A.D. and abandoned by about 1660 A.D. and was dug by an unknown tribe of the Calusa Indians. Special markers will be placed at three locations identifying the site.

**Eileen Arsenault** provided three paintings by her husband, Paul, of the Bay side, a representation of Indians hauling their canoes and paddling the canal.

**Craig Woodward** will send what information he has on the canal and its filling in by John Pulling.

**B. Appointment of New Chairman**

Following a brief discussion, Craig Woodward agreed to assume the Chairman position left by the resignation of William Dempsey until October when the term expires.

*Patty Huff moved to nominated Craig Woodward as Chairman. Second by Elizabeth Perdichizzi. Motion carried 5-0 and Craig was elected Chairman.*

**VII. Public Comments- None**

**VIII. Board Member Announcements**

**Patricia Huff** mentioned:

- The successful Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival and the large turnout at all the various events held in Everglades City.
- The article written about the cottages in Goodland and the Art Colony there working to renovate them. She suggested everyone should make a visit there.
- Sam Epstein one of the surviving Monument Men will be speaking tonight at the Jewish Center. These were the men who saved many pieces of art from being destroyed by the Nazis in World War II.

**Craig Woodward** spoke about the Catapult Campaign which was in the process of getting artifacts back from Washington. To do so, the Museum has to meet certain criteria- security systems and several other requirements. The Cushing Society, an endowment program for the Museum was created. Money will be used to enhance the speaker program, traveling exhibits, the museum itself and for scholarships.

**Eileen Arsenault** mentioned Bill Marquandt, archaeologist, who worked with the museum, will be hosted by them June 20 on Naples Bay. She will send information on the details to anyone interested.

**IX. Adjournment**

The next meeting is April 15, 2015 at 9:15 AM.

**Elizabeth Perdichizzi** moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by **Rich Taylor**. Carried unanimously, 5-0.

*There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the Chair at 10:32 A.M.*

**Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board**

  
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**Acting Chairman, Craig Woodward**

These minutes were approved by the Board/Committee on 3-18-15  
as presented \_\_\_\_\_, or as amended X.