

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

Naples, Florida, January 20, 2016

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 Growth Management Division – Planning  
and Regulation, Conference room #610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples,  
Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Sharon Kenny (excused)  
VICE CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth (Betsy) Perdichizzi  
Eileen Arsenault  
Eugene (Gene) Erjavec  
Patricia (Patty) Huff  
Rich Taylor  
Craig Woodward

STAFF PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Planning Manager- Zoning Services

ALSO PRESENT: Alexandra Sulecki, Parks & Recreation–Conservation Collier  
Daniel Smith, Collier County Zoning  
John Podczerwinsky, Project Manager- Davison Engineering  
Pam Brown and Harriet Fanning, spokespersons for proposed  
historic designation of cemetery in Immokalee

**I. Roll Call/Attendance:**

**Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi** called the meeting to order at 9:21 A.M. Roll Call was taken and a quorum established.

**II. Addenda to the Agenda: NONE**

**III. Approval of Agenda:**

*Euene Erjavec moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Craig Woodward. Carried unanimously, 6-0.*

**IV. Approval of Minutes: October 21, 2015 & November 18, 2015**

*Eileen Arsenault moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2015. Second by Rich Taylor. Carried unanimously, 6-0.*

*Patty Huff noted a date correction on Page 4. February 14 and 15, 2016 should be changed to February 12 thru February 14 for the Seafood Festival.*

*Craig Woodward moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2015, as amended. Second by Eileen Arsenault. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.*

**V. Old Business:**

**A. Discussion of the application for the historic designation of Pepper Ranch**

**Alexandra Sulecki**, Parks and Recreation and Coordinator for Conservation Collier presented the Application for the Historic Designation of Pepper Ranch. She provided background information on the Pepper Ranch Preserve and on the Pepper family itself. She stated the Conservation Committee had requested information on putting the property on the National Historic register as well. She noted the structure, the Visitor Center, was what would be designated and answered several questions from the HAPB members.

**Ray Bellows** stated that Collier County, being a Certified Local Government, had the authority to submit Historic sites and structures to the National Register. He will provide the Conservation Collier Committee with information on the pros and cons of such designation, should they decide to go that route.

*Craig Woodward moved to recommend approval of the application for the Historic Designation of Pepper Ranch. Second by Eileen Arsenault. Carried unanimously, 6-0.*

**Ray Bellows** then informed Ms Sulecki that the necessary paperwork and the HAPB's recommendation for approval will be presented to the BCC for their approval. He will notify her of the date it will be on the BCC's agenda.

**VI. New Business:**

**A. Waiver from the requirement to submit a Cultural Assessment for the Goodland Rezone, 613 Palm Ave.**

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**John Podczerwinsky**, Project Manager was present to answer questions from the HAPB regarding the Waiver of the required Historical and Archaeological Survey and Assessment.

He stated the Waiver asked by his company was part of the requirements of their petition to downsize the zoning from C-4 to village residential.

**Craig Woodward** pointed out the location address on the Application shows the property as being in East Naples instead of Goodland; and should be changed. Craig provided some background information and history, past owners of the property and its past use. He did not think there would be any archaeological concerns regarding the planned development.

**Gene Erjavec** cautioned that some ground under the fill had potential as there had been artifacts discovered in the area by some of the locals, though not well reported. His recommendation was to require some monitoring as the project would involve much more digging as future development evolves.

**Ray Bellows** explained that the Waiver and any conditions attached to it, if granted, would become part of the package that would follow along with future applications to the Planning Commission for any site development plans.

A brief discussion followed on future plans for density. It was explained that the plan would be for platted lots of 3 to 4 units per acre.

*Eugene Erjavec moved to recommend approval of the waiver subject to the following conditions:*

- (1) Having a certified archeologist monitor all excavations of footings and accidental discoveries within the red zone*
- (2) Submit a plan of the footprint*
- (3) Conditions to run with the land*

*Second by Craig Woodward. Carried unanimously, 6-0.*

**B. A presentation by Pam Brown for a proposed historic designation of a cemetery across the street from Robert's Ranch in Immokalee**

**Pam Brown**, a resident of Immokalee, and former HAPB member, provided an interesting capsule of her pioneer family's history in the area. She noted they came to Florida in the late 1800's and her great grandfather had a trading post with the Seminole Indians out in Big Cypress Reservation. It was featured in an exhibit on the works of Julian Dimock at the Marco Island Historical Museum earlier this year.

**Elizabeth Perdichizzi** shared pictures of the Trading Post as shown in Julian Dimock's book, *Land of Enchantment*.

**Pam Brown** introduced her cousin, Harriet Fanning, who was supporting Pam's efforts to obtain historical designation; and, put on the National Register as well, the Brown family cemetery, located across from Roberts Ranch. Pam presented copies of an abstract paper which had been presented

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at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society in St. Augustine, Florida on May 11, 2013 titled "*Sawgrass and Seminoles: Brown's Trading Post and Boat Landing*". The paper, along with several photos of the Brown family member's gravestones provided the HAPB a wealth of information on the historical significance of the cemetery.

**Pam** stated she tries to maintain the gravesites and in doing so has noted many pioneer families buried there. She stated she had talked to Ron Jamro and he was in favor of the designation.

**Patty Huff** asked who actually owned the cemetery.

**Pam Brown** responded many records had been lost due to Hurricane Donna. She thought maybe research could be done on those families buried there.

**Craig Woodward** suggested checking with the Property Appraiser's Office to determine ownership, since the owner needs to authorize the application.

**Ray Bellows** suggested contacting Ron Jamro first, to see if he would be willing to take on the management of the cemetery along with Roberts Ranch, as sort of a companion project. It would be possible to care and maintain it similarly to what has been done at Rosemary Cemetery in Naples. The County would need to do a title search prior to purchasing the property.

**Pam Brown** announced she had approached the CRA and the MSTU in Immokalee, and they were willing to pay for Historical Markers for her great grandfather's gravestone. Grant money also may be available.

**Patty Huff** informed Pam of the Markers in Everglades City that the Friends of the Museum initiated and that the CRA's interest may help her efforts.

**Pam Brown** stated a historical Marker was put at Big Cypress stating that the Seminole Tribe of Florida recognized her great-grandfather as having been of historical significance to the Seminole Culture. Its location is on Snake Road near the rodeo grounds. The archaeologists that worked that job did a dig there and found a few shards of different things, put an exhibit up and had a presentation about it, along with the Dimock exhibit at the Museum.

**Eileen Arsenault** then offered Pam Brown a painting her husband had made of Pam's great-grandfather's store. She said they could use reproductions in any way that would be helpful. She will provide her contact information.

**Ray Bellows** stated they will work with Pam to complete an application and bring it back to the HAPB, who were in favor of the progress made by Pam.

**Patty Huff** asked to go over some of the seven items on the Project List that were marked as ACTIVE, in order to take action to close some of them out.

**1. Rural Lands West SRA**

**Ray Bellows** stated they just submitted the Application last Friday. It is going through all the review processes and will be given to the HAPB as soon as those are completed.

**2. Interlocal agreement with the City of Marco**

**Craig Woodward** stated this item is on hold and no one at the City is working on it. He stated he and Patty Huff had met a woman, an urban planner from West Virginia who winters here; and, who is helping to obtain grants for Monroe Station. She has experience with interlocal agreements and was willing to help write a protocol document. Patty and Craig will keep in contact with her.

**3. Old Marco Inn COA**

**Craig Woodward** noted nothing new has been done on the Certificate of Appropriateness to his knowledge. He stated the City of Marco is aware of the Old Marco Inn situation and will notify him if anything comes in.

**4. Pepper Ranch Update**

This item was presented earlier in this meeting and the Historic Designation Application was approved by the HAPB.

**5. Indian Hill Site on Marco Island**

**Eugene Erjavec** reported the owner is continuing to build within Federal and State guidelines. A survey will be done and he will change or show them the footprint of the potential home being built. The Seminoles rule the articulate graves are to stay. The rest of the property may or may not have articulate graves; but, that will all be investigated once the footprint for his home site is submitted.

**Eugene** noted the whole hillside is covered with pieces of disturbed graves. He also noted the City has a new part-time Environmentalist and a new City Planner. He is meeting with them.

Recently the City of Marco received a letter from Horrs Island Association, which is Key Marco Association, who wants archaeological work done on the Island that was missed by the City, who was unaware of the required process at the time.

**6. Update the H/A Probability Maps**

**Eugene Erjavec** stated the maps are much needed in the field. They need more than continued overlays; they need updating. There was more information on the State Data base.

**Craig Woodward** asked that the person who authorizes the updating for the County be invited to a HAPB meeting.

*David Wilkins will be invited to a HAPB Meeting.*

**Ray Bellows** explained some language on the Comprehensive Plans may give requirements for providing updates to the maps. It's on the Growth Management GIS system for staff use. It used a sophisticated modeling system- expensive and probably low on the priorities list. He will research the requirements and forward that request through Jamie French to David Wilkins what must be done.

**Eugene Erjavec** noted there are ways to find funding, such as grants and/or volunteers. His comment was- "You have to look for a solution to find one".

**7. Horse Creek Estates Historic Marker & Designation**

Following a brief discussion, it was determined that Staff notify the owner by mail asking them what they want to do about the Historic Designation Application.

**VII. Public Comments - NONE**

**VIII. HAPB Comments:**

**Patty Huff** announced:

January 23-- The scheduled Festival in the Woods was canceled due to wet weather.

January 24 -- Everglades Community Church celebrating their 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
(The site was donated by Collier family for as long as it remained non-denominational)

February 5 --Movie Night at 5:30, *Wind across the Everglades*, sponsored by the Everglades Historical Society. (Patty offered some information-- the old bar in the Rod and Gun Club was showing the best version and it seemed to be constantly running).

February 12 thru 14 --The Everglades Seafood Festival

February 23 thru 27-- The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

**Eugene Erjavec** announced:

He attended the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Friends of Collier County Museums and became part of the fundraiser.

He will be speaking at the Men's Club on *How Archaeology Works*; and, doing a presentation at the Realtors Association.

**IX. Adjournment:**

*The next scheduled meeting will be held Wednesday February 17, 2016 at 9:15 AM. (Both Patty Huff and Betsy Perdichizzi will be unavailable for that meeting.)*

*Eileen Arsenault moved to adjourn. Second by Patty Huff. Carried 6-0.*

**There being no further business for the good of the County, the meeting was adjourned by order of the chair at 10:16 A.M.**

**COLLIER COUNTY  
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PRESERVATION BOARD**

*Elizabeth M. Perdichizzi*  
Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 4/20/16  
as presented \_\_\_\_\_ or as amended X.