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

Naples, Florida, May 17, 2017

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, Engineering Conference Room, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive , Naples, Florida with the following members present:

CHAIRMAN: Sharon Kenny (absent)
VICE CHAIRMAN: Elizabeth Perdichizzi
Eileen Arsenault
Eugene Erjavec
Stuart Miller
Elaine Reed
Craig Woodward

ALSO PRESENT: Ray Bellows, Zoning Manager – Growth Management
Rachel Beasley. Staff Liaison – Growth Management
Patricia Kulak, Staff Liaison – Growth Management

Theresa Schober, Manager, Roberts Ranch-Museums Division
Rosemarie Fusco, Marco Island Historical Society

1. **Roll Call/Attendance:**
Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM.
Roll call was taken and a quorum established.

2. **Addenda to the Agenda/ Approval of the Agenda:**

There being no changes or additions to the Agenda-

Craig Woodward moved to approve the Agenda. Second by Eileen Arsenault. Carried unanimously, 6-0.

3. **Approval of Minutes: March 15, 2017**

It was noticed that the copies of the Minutes distributed to the HAPB were not the correct minutes to be approved, as noted by several HAPB members. The minute taker will research and provide the correct minutes to staff for re-distribution to the HAPB.

Eileen Arsenault moved that Approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2017 be tabled until the next meeting, after the correct minutes have been distributed. Second by Stuart Miller. Carried unanimously, 6-0.

The approval of the Minutes of March 15, 2017 will be placed on the next meeting's Agenda (June 21, 2017) for approval.

4. **Old Business:**

- A. **Pepper Ranch Update**

Rachel Beasley announced the Executive Summary had been prepared with a slight change, in that only the lodge and its 1,000 ft. perimeter would be designated historic; an area of 15.4 acres. It was explained that the parcel is located within the 2,512 acre Pepper Ranch Preserve, acquired by Conservation Collier.

Ray Bellows explained that by designating only the structure, a costly specific survey would be avoided.

Following several clarifications and positive comments, the HAPB agreed to recommend approval.

Elaine Reed stated she had done a sight visit and agreed there was no need for further complications.

Elaine Reed moved to approve the Executive Summary, as presented. Second by Craig Woodward. Carried unanimously, 6-0.

- B. **Brown Family Update**

Theresa Schober, Museum Manager for Roberts Ranch stated that under the direction of Museum Director, Amanda Townsend, she had set up a meeting with Pam Brown to clarify:

a. whether their family's intention was to have additional family members interred there. (*It is not their intention*) and,

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b. the family's gift would be the property alone with no additional endowment involved.

Amanda had also suggested that Theresa prepare a cost estimate for any needed upgrades to the grounds, and management costs, to present to the BCC along with the petition for Historic Designation. She explained that the property was directly across the street from the entrance to Roberts Ranch.

Craig Woodward asked if the legal requirements of owning and maintaining a cemetery had been explored; and, about the number of graves involved.

Ray Bellows responded the County had some experience with those issues in their ownership of Rosemary Cemetery. He stated both the Real Property division and Legal Department of the County would handle any obligations and maintenance issues.

Eugene Erjavec stated there were at least 15 visible graves.

Theresa Schober said there were even more graves shown on a list of names of those interred, given to her department. She will explore these further, along with any management costs involved, in a budget she will prepare as the proposal moves forward. She will keep the HAPB informed of any progress made.

She also noted there would be no further burials on the property; and, it would become a heritage resource versus an active cemetery.

Craig Woodward asked if other families were buried there besides the Brown Family.

Eugene Erjavec shared several pictures he had of the headstones in the cemetery. Some were broken and overturned and some had the name of Roberts. One headstone was of a Private in the Confederate army, born in 1841 and died in 1913.

It was noted that Pam Brown's grandfather was buried there. Another grave was of Williams Brown of Brown's Landing trading post. All agreed there was significant history there which should be preserved.

Vice-Chairman Elizabeth Perdichizzi thanked Theresa for her informative presentation.

Ray Bellows noted that the original request was to designate this parcel. Therefore, if it was taken over by the County, then the County would be the applicant seeking the designation of the cemetery parcel.

5. New Business:

A. Small Capital projects at Roberts Ranch; Certificate of Approval –

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A 7-page Handouts of the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness and Site Plan for the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch was provided to the HAPB by Theresa Schober.

Theresa Shober stated she had come before the HAPB in February with proposals for the renovations at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch. The handout documents were the results of those proposals and were brought to the HAPB for their review and comment.

Theresa Schober reviewed the details of the plans explaining the proposed changes to the main entrance gate access, making it safer to enter. The other modification will be to bring back the floor plan of the former First Baptist Church, re-adding a window to match the others and replacing the rotting siding. The entry doorway modifications include the installation of a glass door inside the existing wooden doors, so that passersby will be able to see into the Museum's exhibits when the facility is open. Some modifications will be needed to allow a flush entry and a safety railing. The plan is to allow all accesses to the Museum property easier and safer.

Theresa answered several questions from the HAPB members and explained some of the building's history, dating back to 1928; and, in 2005 or 2006 relocated to its present location to create a Visitors Center.

After congratulating Theresa for her thorough research and planning for the facility,

Craig Woodward made a motion that the HAPB recommend approval of the modifications to the Immokalee Pioneer Museum at Roberts Ranch as shown in the site Plan presented. Second by Eugene Erjavec.

Carried unanimously, 6-0.

Theresa Shober then spoke about a number of other restoration projects they will be moving forward with. The Museum Division will be requesting the BCC for a Special Category Grant funding approval on June 13, 2017 to do the necessary restoration on the actual Roberts Home. The applications are due on June 15. She asked the HAPB to submit a letter of support for the restoration on the Roberts Home. She offered her assistance to Ray Bellows and Rachel Beasley in drafting the letter.

The HAPB were in full agreement and to that end,

Eileen Arsenault moved to approve of Staff crafting a letter to the BCC asserting the HAPB's support for a Special Category Funding Grant for the restoration of the Robert Home. Second by Stuart Miller.

Carried unanimously, 6-0.

6. Review of Project and Activity Log:

Elaine Reed requested a copy of the most recent Activity Log.

Patty Kulak responded that a new and updated Activity Log was in the process of being created and will be distributed at the next HAPB meeting.

7. Public Comments

Rosemarie Fusco, Assistant to the Curator of the Marco Island Historical Society, spoke about the large restoration effort funded by an NEA Grant. They are going through a number of shell and bone tools and re-housing them to make the

Collection Room into a state of the art operation.

8. HAPB Member Comments

Elaine Reed noted the Florida Association of Museums is having their 3 to 4 day conference in Naples on September 20. Invitations will go out to the various Museums; but, HAPB should also know about it. She stated it was important for this Board to make itself known to the Association, to bridge friendships and collaboration, as the HAPB it is part of a Certified Local Government.

Patty Kulak stated she had spoken with the County Attorney's office regarding minutes approvals and attendance records. She did get approval for the Vice Chair person or an attending Board Member to sign the Minutes. They will be reviewing attendance records to make sure everyone is complying with those requirements.

Elizabeth Perdichizzi asked if they would be making recommendations.

Patty Kulak responded that they have certain regulations they need to follow and this topic will be discussed at a meeting later today. There is a consensus of opinion that the BCC prefers those who do not want to fully participate in the meetings for which they applied should make that fact known to Staff. Non-attendance issues will be addressed by notifying each person of their non compliance and request their intention in regards to their participation on the Boards on which they agreed to serve.

Elaine Reed suggested a list of calendar dates for meetings be created and everyone can plan their activities accordingly.

She was of the opinion that, in fairness to others and to the public, if you chose to be on this Board, you need to be physically present at its meetings, barring an excused absence.

Patty Kulak responded she will provide a list of scheduled meeting dates.

Following a brief discussion on summer breaks (normally in August), it was decided to meet in June and discuss the July and/or August meetings at that time.

Eugene Erjavec reported on the Indian Hill situation, stating yet another 100 day archaeological survey has been completed. It will go for State review, which will be shared with the local Seminole Tribe. More articulate graves had been discovered; bringing the number up to 40 in the 2000 year old cemetery. The landowner still wants to exercise his right to build a home there. He may have to relocate the home and architectural changes and reconfigurations to fit the home on the property have been ongoing.

Elaine Reed spoke about the Naples Historical Society's spearheading of the list of historic structures in Naples Historic District. The list, approved by the State of Florida last November, was approved last week at the Federal level. Next will be - how to go about restoring historic structures. She had a presentation at the City Council. Upcoming, will be a Design Workshop with the Design Review Board. She would love to have HAPB members there. She will let the HAPB know the scheduled date.

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Elizabeth Perdichizzi inquired about the construction project at the corner of Bald Eagle Drive.

Craig Woodward explained that the Pioneer Cemetery, owned by the Church of God, had sold off the corner piece to finance a huge house. The lot was now owned by an Irish company. It's being cleared out to get it ready to be sold.

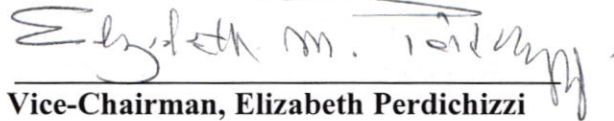
The next meeting will be held on June 21, 2017 at 9:15 AM.

9. Adjournment

Craig Woodward moved to adjourn. Second by Elaine Arsenault. Motion carried unanimously, 6-0.

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

Historical/Archaeological Preservation Board


Vice-Chairman, Elizabeth Perdichizzi

These minutes approved by the Board/Committee on 6/21/2017 as presented or as amended _____.