

BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2024

Members Present

Jane Beach, District V
Paula Beckner, District I
Cindy Forstall, District V
George Kistner, District IV - Chair
Martha Loss, District IV
Jack Ratterman, District II – Co-Chair
Christopher Reynolds, District I

Others Present

Tammy Moon, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian I Genealogy and Archives
Bob Gross, Indian River Anthropological Society

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm, by the Chair, Mr. Kistner.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Beach, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2023 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***
A motion was made by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Foster, to approve the agenda. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Public Comments

Bob Gross reports the Indian River Anthropological Society is continuing work on the Weona Cleveland collection, 3 black cemeteries, and a survey north of Grant mound. There are multiple speakers upcoming for IRAS, as well as a FPAN event, the Knap-In and Prehistoric Arts Festival at Silver River, February 17th and 18th.

Archivist Report

Tammy Moon reported regular research requests as well as an increase in departmental obligations. Julie Ventura is the official liaison currently for the commission, per Wendi Bost. However, Tammy will continue as usual with all requests and administrative duties.

New Business

A motion was made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Loss, for the Chair and Co-Chair positions be retained through 2024 by Mr. Kistner and Mr. Ratterman, respectively. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Ms. Loss, seconded by Ms. Beach, for the 2024 meeting schedule to be as follows: March 26, 2024, May 28, 2024, and September 24, 2024. All meetings to occur 3:15 pm at the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Mr. Kistner, seconded by Ms. Beckner to nominate Roz Foster as Honorary County Historian. Mr. Kistner will be presenting the nomination to the County Commissioners for approval. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Old Business

Ms. Forstall reports no progress on the Indian River Journal, pending response from the sub-committee members. She will be researching formatting software and would like all articles be turned in by the March meeting.

Roz Foster reported on Heritage Park. She has been notified the next step is to apply for rezoning the Field Manor 15-acre site as a Planned Unit Development with the county. This will remain pending until agreement can be made with the Field Manor board as to direction for the property overall, going forward. She also reports that Oliver's Camp has been demolished and that the North Brevard Heritage Foundation has acquired a donation of a cracker house that will be secured and boarded until use.

Commissioners' Reports

George Kistner reported an important bill related to historic preservation; Bill 395 is slated to go before the Florida Senate at the end of the month.

The next meeting will be held March 26, 2024 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm.