

**BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
April 27, 2021**

Members Present

Jane Beach, District V
Paula Beckner, District I
Roz Foster, District I
Margaret Goudelock, District IV
Henry Parrish, District II
Jack Ratterman, District II – Co-Chair
Molly Thomas District II
Gregg Young, District V

Others Present

Michael Boonstra, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian II Genealogy and Archives
Tammy Moon, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian I Genealogy and Archives.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:17 pm, by the Co-Chair, Mr. Ratterman.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Beach, seconded by Ms. Goudelock, to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Mr. Ratterman, seconded by Ms. Thomas, to approve the agenda. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Public Comments

None.

Archivist Report

Michael reported many research requests with a particularly big project for the City of Titusville walking tour.

New Business

A vote was taken in regards to drafting requested letters of support for historical grants sought by the City of Titusville and the Green Gables historic home of Melbourne. A motion was made by Ms. Thomas, seconded by Ms. Foster. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Old Business

Molly Thomas discussed the progress on the current Indian River Journal. She brought a mockup of the new version of the Indian River Journal to be viewed by the commission. Michael reported his research on cost for this current version, 20 pages of 80-pound satin paper, printed in 11 x 17" fold, color will run \$907.00 per 500 copies to print, with a current mailing list of 443 copies. Past version cost was reported by Michael as \$736.00 for 1,400 copies. Extra copies were used at events, and given out at libraries and other locations. Discussion ensued regarding possible measures to cut the cost. Use of lighter weight paper, printing color only on the covers, 1 issue per year versus 2, color per page were suggested. Michael will look into the cost of these changes.

Ms. Foster reported on Heritage Park. She thanked Henry Parrish and Jack Ratterman for all their hard work at the storage yard on the structures. An additional work party will be needed to continue the clearing and shoring effort. The future direction of Field Manor continues to be discussed by the board. The plan of a citrus grove has been terminated due to drainage and irrigation issues. Subcommittees were formed by the Field Manor board and the director is going in the direction of historical education and eco-tourism. The trust money available for the upkeep of the manor is almost depleted. Roz remains confident the partnership between Field Manor and Heritage Park remains a good possibility. She will meet again within a week or two to flesh out details with them. Discussion then followed about possible events and set up should the project come to fruition.

Commissioners' Reports

Mr. Ratterman reported the Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency board is restoring Doc's Bait House with an eye to sell gas, and a possible water taxi service. There is also a 5,000 seat Veteran's Center Amphitheater that has been approved for Merritt Island.

The next meeting will be held May 25, 2021 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.