

**BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2022**

Members Present

Jane Beach, District V
Paula Beckner, District I
George Kistner, District IV - Chair
Martha Loss, District IV
Henry Parrish, District II
Jack Ratterman, District II – Co-Chair
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
Bob Gross, Indian River Anthropological Society
Joel McPherson, member of the public

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Beckner, seconded by Ms. Loss, to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Ms. Beach, seconded by Ms. Beckner, to approve the agenda. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Public Comments

Citizen Joel McPherson introduced himself. He is working on a book of local interest involving biographical sketches of the interred at Indianola Pioneer Cemetery.

Bob Gross reports the Indian River Anthropological Society is working on water screening at a new site at Kempher Ranch, and coordinating with state geologists on above sea level reefs.

Archivist Report

Michael Boonstra reported regular research requests as well as the successful mailing out of the current Indian River Journal. The department has also received a very nice donation of memorabilia from the now defunct Sea Escape Cruise Line.

New Business

A motion was made by Mr. Ratterman, seconded by Ms. Beckner, for a deadline of August 16, 2022 to be set for Historical Commissioners to submit their input for the annual report, due October 1, 2022. The completed report will then be sent to Michael Boonstra who will forward to library services director Wendi Bost, who will send it to the County Commissioners to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

A motion was made by Mr. Kistner, seconded by Ms. Beckner for the next meeting to be scheduled for January 24, 2023 6:15 pm at the Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Each successive meeting will be determined at the current meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Old Business

George Kistner reports that former Brevard County Historical Commission member, Molly Thomas has expressed that she is willing to help edit and format the Indian River Journal going forward pending approval of her employer, the City of Cape Canaveral.

Roz Foster reported on Heritage Park. She is awaiting the finalized agreement between the North Brevard Heritage Council and the Field Manor board pending review by Field Manor's attorney. She is also working on a conceptual plan as well as a work development and phase plan which she will email to Michael Boonstra for distribution to the commission. Also noted was the name change from Heritage Park to Brevard Heritage Center.

Commissioners' Reports

Jack Ratterman reported a candidates' forum for district two to be held Friday, July 28, 2022 at the Merritt Island Veteran's Center.

George Kistner reported touring the impressive new Cape Canaveral Community Center. It is currently free to all Cape Canaveral residents.

The next meeting will be held January 24, 2023 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.