



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, June 14, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Location: Flamingo Park Meeting Room

Address: 12855 NW 8 Street, Sunrise FL 33325

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call:

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

William Heim

Jackie Rogazione

Aleece Dawson

Bernard Shaw

Laura Males

Philip Howell

Also Present: Meryl Girard, Assistant City Clerk

III. Open Discussion

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 Virtual meeting with corrections was made by Laura Males and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor.

V. Old Business

Meryl Girard explained to the Historical Commission that Leisure Services asked for input/recommendations pertaining to a memorial program at Veterans Park as it was nearing completion.

William Heim advised he had contacted Governmental Monument Center in Washington D.C. regarding the amount of text that is usually placed on a memorial brick. Mr. Heim also mentioned having an entry sign with historical quotes/sayings as another idea for the park.

A discussion was had pertaining to how the cost of the bricks would be covered. Mr. Heim presented information for fund raising as a way to cover costs.

Meryl Girard explained to the Historical Commission that the purchasing decision would be made by City Staff.

Jackie Rogazione asked if the memorial park would be used to remember veterans that were not residents of Sunrise.

Philip Howell suggested the bricks be anyone who has served in or still active in the military, but must be purchased by a Sunrise resident.

Bernard Shaw thought having a wall to keep the bricks in place would also be a good idea for the park.

A suggestion was made to also look into have trees and benches that could have plaques installed memorializing veterans.

William Heim mentioned the joint meeting discussing the idea of having historical plaques or markers of some kind placed along the Greenway bike paths. No word has been received from Community Development on the issue.

Bernard Shaw mentioned a Commission meeting where Commissioner Douglas discussed art in the City. Mr. Shaw stated that Commissioner Douglas suggested having models of the upside down house placed in areas as a way to welcome visitors to the City.

William Heim mentioned having a list of corporate sponsors that may want to contribute to the display in the new City Hall. Mr. Heim brought up the idea of having digital displays of historical events that happened in the city, having school age children enter into an essay contest pertaining the history of Sunrise, etc. Mr. Heim also suggested having a contest involving seniors to do an essay contest detailing their memories of the City.

VI. New Business

Philip Howell expressed his appreciation of City Staff for doing a great job at a couple of events he attended. William Heim agreed with Mr. Howell's comments. Mr. Heim thanked Mr. Howell.

Philip Howell stated that he spoke to the Property Manager of his condominium association to see about getting information out to the residents to see if they had historical memorabilia they might like to donate to the Historical Commission. Mr. Howell will write something up to be approved by city staff. Mr. Howell also suggested contacting Property Manager from the other phases of Sunrise Lakes.

Aleece Dawson attended the Memorial Day event. Philip Howell also attended. Ms. Dawson was impressed by the presentation and will see if she has the brochure from the event.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 pm on July 12th, 2021.

William Heim handed out a write up of how he felt about history. Mr. Heim included information with suggestions on how to create a permanent sign for the new city hall, and detailing ideas for gathering artifacts. Mr. Heim also expressed interest in continuing the research pertaining to the Upside Down house that was started by a former board member.

William Heim advised the Historical Commission of the opening of the Dauer Museum of Classic Cars. Mr. Heim mentioned there were approximately 21 museums in Broward County. Mr. Heim felt that even though the city didn't have a museum, the city had ways of contributing to history.

Philip Howell gave a brief description of a museum in Wilton Manors that focuses on the HIV/Aids crisis.

William Heim suggested the city's website be updated to include the word history and to also build on the new city hall's words of wisdom by including them throughout the new campus.

Jackie Rogazione mentioned a theatre that was refurbished in her hometown that had memorial bricks installed on the sidewalk. Ms. Rogazione stated that the cost for the bricks was a certain amount and you could have three lines with whatever you wanted on them. The companies that install the bricks can check to see how much it would be.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bernard Shaw and seconded by Philip Howell. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Bernita Sherrod, Board Secretary