



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, July 12, 2021

Time: 3:30 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

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 June 14, 2021 meeting with corrections was made by Philip Howell and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor.

V. Old Business

Philip Howell stated that the property manager of his condo association took the flyer he had from the July 4th event and distributed it to over 90 buildings. Mr. Howell also brought in a copy of the Laker Magazine and spoke about putting an ad in it for the collection of memorabilia. Meryl Girard advised that the City Clerk's office would come up with something uniform so the ad could be placed in multiple places. She will bring back to the Historical Commission at the next meeting.

Meryl Girard advised the Historical Commission that the guest speakers were unable to attend the meeting.

William Heim mentioned the list of upside-down houses that had been previously research by a former board member. Mr. Heim advised there had been no other houses like the one in Sunrise from 1961. Mr. Heim also mentioned that for information to be verified by the Guinness Book of World Records, the cost would be \$20,000.

Bernard Shaw presented a brick he obtained from Home Depot. Mr. Shaw was curious as to how the brick would be able to be inscribed. Laura Males stated there were companies that specialized in this type of work.

Philip Howell stated that the type of brick Mr. Shaw presented was the type they have at the St. Gregory's prayer garden. William Heim stated that the St. Bonaventure Church, as well as the YMCA has something similar.

Aleece Dawson advised that she did not have a copy of the Memorial Day brochure, as previously requested.

Laura Males spoke about the July 4th event. Ms. Males questioned if residents have any say in the program, as she felt music was inappropriate

for people her age. Ms. Males also stated that it was very hot and they had to walk very far. Ms. Males felt the City needed to have a name band to draw people, as Fort Lauderdale had the Beach Boys an all-American band. Ms. Males thought the City does not have to spend a lot of money. Ms. Males stated that she had friends that went to the event in Plantation at Central Park, and it was very enjoyable. Ms. Males felt that having an event in a park was nice.

Meryl Girard explained that for many years the City had big name bands for the July 4th event, and they are booked months in advance. However, due to Covid, it was uncertain if the City would have the event this year. Also, there are many bands that had not gone back to performing in public yet.

William Heim mentioned that pre-Covid, there had been a guest speaker from Stranahan House that did a great presentation. Mr. Heim brought the DVD in case anyone was interested.

Bernard Shaw mentioned the old fire truck. Mr. Shaw stated that the fire truck was supposed to be refurbished and displayed in front of the Public Safety Complex. Mr. Shaw also mentioned plans to purchase a car similar to the first police car to have it refurbished and displayed.

A discussion was held regarding the Dauer Car Museum that recently opened to the public. Bernard Shaw and William Heim felt the museum was well worth visiting. Mr. Shaw stated that he was able to speak to Dr. Dauer during his visit.

VI. New Business

Meryl Girard let the Historical Commission about the recent ribbon cutting at the Coral Springs History Museum on July 10, 2021. Ms. Girard stated that they may have a digital display.

William Heim asked if everyone had received the new Horizons Magazine that showed a picture of the new city hall. Mr. Heim passed out booklets to each member and made a presentation about a vision for the historical area in the new city hall. A discussion was held regarding what the Historical Commission wanted this to look like and other possibilities.

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