



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, September 20, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Flamingo Park Meeting Hall

Address: 12855 NW 8 Street, Sunrise FL 33325

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order at 4:04 pm

II. Roll Call:

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

William Heim

Bernard Shaw

Laura Males – arrived at 4:20 p.m.

Philip Howell

Jacqueline Rogazione

Also Present: Meryl Girard, Assistant City Clerk

III. Open Discussion

Prior to the approval of the minutes, Meryl Girard advised the board members of the new City of Sunrise mask policy.

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2021 meeting with changes from William Heim mentioning that at the December 19, 2019 Historical Commission meeting, Alan Gavazzi explained that the location of the history museum had changed but would still be visible and accessible to

the public for visiting was made by Bernard Shaw and seconded by Philip Howell. All were in favor.

V. Old Business

William Heim mentioned that at the December 19, 2019 Historical Commission meeting, Alan Gavazzi explained that the location of the history museum had changed but would still be visible and accessible to the public for visiting.

William Heim suggested taking an informal poll to see if all the members were comfortable with the moving of the location of the historical area from the front to the back of the new city hall lobby.

Bernard Shaw, Philip Howell, Jacqueline Rogazione and Toby Ginsburg-Cohen stated that they were fine with it. Mr. Shaw said as long as the area was not smaller. Mr. Heim said that he would go along with it.

Bernard Shaw mentioned that he went by the new city hall building and it appeared that most of the first floor was poured and they would be forming up the second floor soon.

Bernard Shaw announced that he attended the City Commission meeting held on September 14, 2021. Mr. Shaw mentioned a tribute to Margaret Peggy Schwartz, resident of Pacifica, who recently passed away. They had a moment of silence.

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen stated that the woman named Betty who had been previously interviewed by the board who was the oldest resident in Sunrise has moved to an assisted living facility.

VI. New Business

Meryl Girard explained that several donations were recently bequeathed to the Historical Commission. Several items were donated by the late Commissioner Irwin Harlem's daughter. There were items from the grand opening of the Senior Center, CERT pins from the Fire Department and a program and pin from the September 11th memorial ceremony.

William Heim mentioned the hockey puck from two years ago.

Jackie Rogazione said the time capsule had a hockey puck in it.

Meryl Girard stated that since some of the members were not here when the time capsule was put together, perhaps one of the board members would like to comment on that.

William Heim explained the time capsule being dedicated for the City's 55th anniversary in 2016.

Discussion ensued regarding placement of the time capsule in the new City Hall. The majority of the board members felt placement in the new historical area would be best. It would be more accessible to visitors in the new city hall, rather than having it in Commission Chambers.

William Heim proposed a list of major artifacts to list for the new history area:

- Post office window
- Model of upside down house
- Time capsule – illuminate the plaque for better visibility

- Chess Set that Toby donated, with other pertinent chess memorabilia
- Plaque from old city hall building

Discussion took place regarding the placement of the photographs of mayors and commissioners that are in current City Hall Commission Chambers. There was a concern that the pictures may take up too much room and there would be limited space in the 1,000 square foot historical area.

MOTION

A motion made by Bernard Shaw to propose placing pictures of the elected officials in the Commission Chambers or the auxiliary room of the new City Hall, was seconded by William Heim. All in favor.

Meryl Girard mentioned that she spoke with someone in the City about a shovel from the groundbreaking of City Hall. She would check on it and report back at the next meeting.

William Heim asked where the post office window was. Meryl Girard said she would inquire.

William Heim asked that in addition to the five major artifacts and the wall items, if there would be room for non-Sunrise government display items. Mr. Heim suggested the non-Sunrise items to be placed in an overflow room. Mr. Heim also suggested having one or two educational and inspirational items displayed.

Ms. Males agreed with Mr. Heim's suggestions.

MOTION

A motion made by Laura Males and seconded by Bernard Shaw to have each member bring an inspirational quote to the next meeting for discussion. All in favor.

Philip Howell said the two greatest documents in the history of government were the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. The Magna Carta was also extremely important. Mr. Howell said these were the greatest words that were ever written. Other displays were transient.

William Heim showed everyone a picture of the Constitution on his phone. William Heim listed examples: the Bill of Rights and the Constitution. He wanted the City of Sunrise to think outside the box.

Jackie Rogazione said that every year there was a poetry competition written and submitted by young people: the Poetry Slam, the Lyrical Lounge, and the Jason Taylor Foundation.

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen commented about the world-renowned chess player who lives in Sunrise, Grandmaster Hikaru Nakamura.

The Historical Commission asked what happened to the suggestions they made for Veterans Park. Meryl Girard advised that she would follow up.

William Heim suggested the original City Charter signed by the Governor making Sunrise a City would be something good to hang on the walls.

Bernard Shaw mentioned a quote about living together in harmony.

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen stated that Sunrise was such a multi-cultural city, every ethnic community was here. Ms. Ginsburg-Cohen suggested that could be the subject of a collage.

Meryl Girard mentioned the City of Coral Springs' History Museum, noting that they have a digital history display.

William Heim spoke regarding Broward County and solicitation of historical items. He passed out a brochure from about ten years ago. Some cities have a tremendous budget for history, such as the City of Oslo, Norway. Mr. Heim felt the Historical Commission could get an idea of how much cities are spending on their historical displays.

Toby Ginsburg-Cohen suggested having a brochure available for people entering the history area in the new City Hall.

Bernard Shaw suggesting doing the same thing as an old city like Oslo on a different scale and achieve the same thing.

William Heim suggested adding items to the historical area may be unrelated to Sunrise, but still have to do with government.

Jackie Rogazione felt everything in the new city hall should pertain to Sunrise.

William Heim stated that the Historical Commission did not want to be similar to the City of Plantation with only items pertaining to Sunrise.

Philip Howell reminded the members that it was not a room, but a dedicated space.

William Heim stated that the area was a quasi-room, a section with three sides that can be used for Sunrise. Mr. Heim also stated there was an auxiliary room next to it that could be a room for the Declaration of Independence and objects of that nature. Mr. Heim felt it would be inspirational and educational to have other government-related artifacts on display.

Philip Howell asked about completion of the building.

William Heim asked if Alan Gavazzi had an artist's conception of the inside of City Hall, specifically the lobby, that the Historical Commission could see before it is completed.

Philip Howell asked William Heim if he wanted to see the drawing of the physical dimensions of that area or physical conception.

William Heim asked if Mr. Gavazzi could come back with an update, and show them the updated view of the lobby or show the same presentation from 2019 for the benefit of those that were not board members then.

Philip Howell asked if Alan Gavazzi could provide blue prints.

Meryl Girard advised that blue prints of government buildings were exempt from public view.

Philip Howell stated that he spent most of his life in construction and has built government buildings.

Meryl Girard said she would send the exemption to everyone tomorrow.

Meeting Adjourned

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

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Bernita Sherrod, Board Secretary