



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, October 11, 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 4:01 pm

II. Roll Call:

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen
Vice Chair Vice Chair William Heim
Aleece Dawson
Philip Howell
Laura Males – unexcused absence
Jacqueline Rogazione
Bernard Shaw

Also Present: Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk
Felicia Bravo, City Clerk

III. Open Discussion

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

Prior to the approval of the September 20, 2021 meeting minutes, changes were noted by Bernard Shaw and Vice Chair William Heim.

City Clerk Felicia Bravo spoke to the Historical Commission with regard to the three types of minutes: verbatim, summary and action. Ms. Bravo explained that the City of Sunrise did not have verbatim minutes. The minutes were summarized to give a general explanation of what was discussed. Ms. Bravo said if the Historical Commission members had any questions, suggestions or comments regarding the minutes or board

business, to direct them to her or Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard prior to the meeting so the corrections/changes could be made.

Vice Chair William Heim suggested the minutes be a little more inclusive on certain items.

Meryl Girard agreed the minutes should be summary and not verbatim.

MOTION

A motion to approve the minutes as amended was made by Philip Howell and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor.

V. Old Business

Vice Chair William Heim provided Jackie Rogazione with a brochure/booklet he compiled that was previously presented at the July 2021 meeting.

A. Veterans Park Recommendation Follow Up

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard gave a brief overview as a follow up to the Historical Commission's recommendations for a memorial brick program for Veterans Park. She advised that the Historical Commission recommendations were forwarded to City Commission, City Manager and Leisure Services Director. Copies were forwarded to the Veterans Advisory Board by the City Manager's Office. Ms. Girard explained the Veterans Advisory Board was in the process of drafting their recommendations and would like to have a member attend an upcoming Historical Commission meeting.

B. Sunset Strip Post Office Window

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard reported that according to Assistant Director of Utilities Alan Gavazzi, the post office window was safely stored by the Capital Projects Division.

C. Florida Statutes Exemption for Building Plans

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard distributed copies of the exemption pertaining to building plans that was previously emailed to the Historical Commission.

Philip Howell spoke about his time working as a building contractor. Mr. Howell explained that in his experience, contractors were allowed to have the drawings. He

emphasized that his comments were only from his experience and that time/place. Mr. Howell stated that he understood why it was done this way. He apologized if his prior comments were offensive to anyone on the board.

Bernard Shaw suggested starting a time capsule for the new city hall beginning in 2022-2023 with items related to the switch from the old city hall to the new one. Mr. Shaw stated this idea came from Commissioner Joseph Scuotto.

Deputy City Clerk Girard suggested the board start focusing on items for the new museum, such as memorabilia and other objects for the display cabinets.

Jackie Rogazione recommended the Historical Commission concentrate more on items for the museum that could be seen.

Vice Chair William Heim reminded the Historical Commission that once the meeting had adjourned, no more board business should be discussed.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen mentioned the arena. A discussion was held regarding the name change, naming rights and seeking new sponsorship.

D. Historical Area in New City Hall Lobby

City Clerk Felicia Bravo discussed the repositioning of the historical storage area to a different location in the new city hall lobby. Ms. Bravo stated that old plans had a smaller, less accessible space that seemed to focus on storage rather than a display. The new location and space would be more accessible to the public. Architectural plans tended to evolve and change as projects progressed.

Ms. Girard reported to the board that a new Project Manager was starting next month who would focus on the history museum. Ms. Girard stated that person should be able to provide better insight about the placement of memorabilia within the display area.

Aleece Dawson stated the museum should relate to the City of Sunrise and its history.

E. Discussion of Quotes

Vice Chair William Heim distributed a handout consisting of meaningful quotes, articles and photographs from other cities as examples that could be used as guidelines for the

new museum and City Hall. Sunrise was a great city headed for greater things. He suggested having something foundational engraved in granite or marble over the entrance of City Hall that was based on Roman law or Greek philosophy. This was a chance to highlight Sunrise's history, and also to introduce youth to broader concepts.

Jackie Rogazione was open to the idea of having something included, but not the Constitution and Preamble, because they were widely available in other places. Ms. Rogazione stated the space should not be taken up with that type of object.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen stated she never saw items like the Constitution or Preamble displayed.

Aleece Dawson commented that this was an opportunity to showcase the City by presenting what Sunrise was all about. Ms. Dawson stated the display should be unique to Sunrise and not have items that people could see elsewhere.

Vice Chair William Heim asserted that knowledge of history was dying and Americans were profoundly ignorant about history. The board did not want this to continue. Mr. Heim suggested for something to be included that would awaken interest in history.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard suggested the board come up with a short list of quotes they would like included, then submit the recommendations.

Philip Howell spoke about the size of the museum. Mr. Howell suggested a banner across the space with a quote/quotes.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen asked the board members to bring a few quotes they would like to include in the museum to the next meeting for recommendations to be developed.

Vice Chair William Heim recapped the large items that should be placed in the history museum: the post office window, the time capsule, the old City Hall dedication plaque, the Upside-Down House model, and the chess set donated by Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard advised that the shovel from the new City Hall groundbreaking was in the City Clerk's Office. She apologized for not bringing it to the meeting. A plaque was also secured commemorating the groundbreaking ceremony.

Bernard Shaw reported that he attended the Tunes 'N Trucks' Latin Night. Mr. Shaw stated that there was dancing and everyone appeared to have a good time. A few of the Commissioners and other city staff were in attendance.

Vice Chair William Heim stated he supported Philip Howell's suggestion for a Veterans Scholarship, as it was a great idea.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen mentioned the idea for bricks at Veterans park.

VI. New Business

A. 2022 Board Application Process

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard asked if everyone received an email reminder to reapply for the 2022 board term.

No one had received the email.

Ms. Girard said she would send it out manually. She recommended that anyone who needed help with the application to reach out to the City Clerk's Office.

B. November and December Meeting Dates

- **November 8th moved to November 15th**
- **December 13th moved to December 6th**

The board members agreed to change the November and December meetings dates.

Bernard Shaw discussed board member tardiness and absenteeism. He thought it was disrespectful not to attend meetings or come in late. If someone was not fully committed, that person should resign. He believed a vote should be taken to discuss this matter with the board member.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated the Commission received the meeting minutes monthly, which had the attendance.

City Clerk Felicia Bravo explained to the board that City staff had procedures in place to address meeting attendance issues.

Vice Chair William Heim thanked the board for their contributions and passion by generating ideas pertaining to Sunrise history.

Philip Howell stated that revenue from the sale of the bricks could fund the scholarship.

Aleece Dawson asked when the board be would be discussing displays for the new museum.

Ms. Girard advised that this would be discussed once the new Project Manager started.

Philip Howell spoke about lighting in the museum. He said that generally electrical engineers and architects coordinated that task with each other.

Vice Chair William Heim asked if an interior decorator, specialist or consultant would be hired.

Ms. Bravo advised that the new Project Manager would have that information.

Philip Howell stated that firm ideas of how things would be placed were needed, although change orders happened all the time. Mr. Howell thought this would be beneficial.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Aleece Dawson and seconded by Bernard Shaw. Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Bernita Sherrod, Historical Commission Secretary