



## City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, November 15, 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 4:00 pm**

**II. Roll Call:**

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

Vice Chair William Heim

Aleece Dawson

Philip Howell

Laura Males

Jacqueline Rogazione

Bernard Shaw

**Also Present:** Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk

Felicia Bravo, City Clerk

Guest Speaker Ana Barbosa, Veterans Advisory Board

**III. Open Discussion**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Philip Howell and seconded by Jackie Rogazione. All were in favor.

**V. Old Business**

**A. Memorial Brick Program - Veterans Advisory Board Member Ana Barbosa**

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard introduced Ana Barbosa from the Veterans Advisory Board.

Ms. Barbosa gave a brief summary of her military and professional background. Ms. Barbosa commented that the Veterans Advisory Board wanted to collaborate with the Historical Commission regarding veterans. Ms. Barbosa also asked if anyone had ideas on how to further reach the military community. Ms. Barbosa advised that Veterans Park was being built and that memorial bricks would be sold as a fundraiser.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen asked if proceeds from the fundraiser would go to scholarships.

Ana Barbosa explained that the Veterans Advisory Board was looking into how the money would be used.

Philip Howell spoke about the logistics of the memorial brick program and how it should work. Mr. Howell stated the idea was good and noble.

Ana Barbosa gave a brief explanation as to how fundraisers could work to generate additional funds once all of the bricks were sold. She added it was unclear how the funds would be calculated and distributed.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen and Vice Chair William Heim suggested ways to have participants vetted in order to receive the scholarships. Ms. Ginsburg-Cohen mentioned the ROTC.

Bernard Shaw asked what kind of bricks would be used and how would they be obtained. It was explained that they would be purchased through a contract with a company that specialized in engraving bricks.

Ana Barbosa stated that the brick program was still in the idea stage and no decision had been made. Ms. Barbosa advised she worked with the City of Coral Springs on a Martin Luther King committee that gave out scholarships annually to students. There were several criteria windows for receiving the funds.

Vice Chair William Heim asked about the age groups for receiving scholarships.

Ms. Barbosa advised the ages ranged from high school to college. Ms. Barbosa advised she would take the advice received from the Historical Commission and present it at the next Veterans Advisory Board meeting.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen asked when Veterans Park would be completed. Ms. Barbosa advised they were looking at the first quarter of 2022, but she was not certain.

Ana Barbosa asked for suggestions on the limiting the amount of money given or the amount of children that receive it. A discussion was held whether the funds would be limited to children from military families, and how long the program would continue.

Laura Males said that the scholarship amounts should be \$5,000 to be divided between five students. Ms. Males stated that students who participated in ROTC would have more accessibility to scholarships, so it would be better to help children of military members.

Vice Chair William Heim stated the amount of money offered for scholarships would be a draw to get students interested in applying. Mr. Heim thought \$1,000, rather than a lower amount, would be preferable.

Laura Males agreed with Mr. Heim's suggestion.

Ana Barbosa stated that she was not afraid to solicit funding. She believed many bricks could be sold to raise money, which would help out many students.

Jackie Rogazione asked if the Veterans Advisory Board had an idea of the size of bricks they wanted to sell and what the cost would be. Ms. Barbosa believed the bricks would be standard in size and cost about \$50.00.

Ms. Rogazione thought what was engraved on the bricks should be standardized: name, date, rank, and branch of military.

Philip Howell suggested asking the condominium associations if they would allow a fundraising dance, barbecue or other event to raise money for scholarships.

Bernard Shaw asked how messaging about the program could reach the residents. It was explained the City of Sunrise had a department that handled communications of this nature. City Clerk Felicia Bravo recommended focusing on the overarching decision points related to the program, as staff would handle the details of implementation.

## **B. City Hall Groundbreaking Ceremony Artifacts**

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard passed around the plaque and shovel from the new City Hall groundbreaking ceremony.

Vice Chair William Heim reviewed a list of items that were already considered for the history museum: the post office window, the Upside-Down house model, the current City Hall plaque, the new City Hall shovel and plaque, and the time capsule. Mr. Heim also asked about the inclusion of the sports trophy case at the Civic Center. Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard advised the case was still in the Civic Center lobby. Mr. Heim also suggested the inclusion of Florida Panthers memorabilia.

City Clerk Felicia Bravo advised that Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard helped Leisure Services complete the lobby area with its historical artifacts display. Ms. Bravo also mentioned there was wall of framed Horizon Magazine covers from the magazine's inception to the current issue on display. It was suggested that the Historical Commission go by and view it. Ms. Bravo advised those displays would remain at the Civic Center.

City Clerk Felicia Bravo reported a meeting that was held with Assistant Director of Utilities for Capital Projects Alan Gavazzi and the new Project Manager regarding the new City Hall historical museum. Mr. Gavazzi and the Project Manager would be attending next month's meeting.

Vice Chair William Heim mentioned three possible sources of magazines that could be included in the history museum: Life Magazine (Upside-Down House edition), Time Magazine (January 27, 1961) and Sports Illustrated (August 7, 1961).

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard suggested the Board wait to hear what the new Project Manager had to say regarding the history museum for more direction. City Clerk Felicia Bravo agreed. Ms. Bravo stated that decision points would have to be discussed and made as the new City Hall was quickly being built.

**C. Discussion – Quotes for Consideration**

Vice Chair William Heim advised that he put together several lists of quotations. Mr. Heim explained that from those lists he compiled about forty quotes and important ideas to go with each one. It was agreed to table the discussion until December’s meeting. The information was given to Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard to be sent to the Historical Commission.

**VI. New Business**

Aleece Dawson recommended the Board read the minutes prior to the meeting, so more time could be dedicated to the discussion of agenda items.

Vice Chair William Heim suggested sending a thank you note and display he created to the Naval Air Station representative that spoke at a Historical Commission meeting several years prior.

**Meeting Adjourned**

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

Respectfully submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bernita Sherrod, Historical Commission Secretary