



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, December 6, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Flamingo Park Meeting Room

Address: 12855 NW 8 Street, Sunrise FL 33325

Meeting Minutes

I. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen.

II. Roll Call:

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

Vice Chair William Heim

Aleece Dawson

Philip Howell

Laura Males – arrived at 4:16 p.m.

Jacqueline Rogazione

Bernard Shaw

Also Present: Alan Gavazzi, Capital Projects Director

Marinelly Frias, Project Manager

Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk

Felicia Bravo, City Clerk (telephonically)

III. Open Discussion

None

IV. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Bernard Shaw and seconded by Aleece Dawson. All were in favor.

V. Old Business

A. City Hall Museum

1. Introduction of Project Manager Marinelly Frias

Capital Projects Director Alan Gavazzi introduced new Project Manager Marinelly Frias. Ms. Frias was an architect and would bring extensive experience from the private sector. She would lead the charge for the Sunrise History Museum, which would focus on Sunrise's past and history.

Mr. Gavazzi recapped the location of the museum and some elements that were planned: walls, floor, cases, and a newly added area under the stairway. When a visitor walked into the museum, there would be a history of the City that incorporated information and facts.

There would be core elements included in the museum that the Historical Commission had agreed upon previously. The time capsule, which was currently in City Commission Chambers. The Upside-Down House model would be accompanied by the Life Magazine article and photographs. The Old Village Post office window would be displayed and was currently stored safely in a crate at the Utilities Department. He also believed the dedication plaque for the post office was currently at Leisure Services. There was a brief discussion why the building could not be preserved due to the prohibitive cost of ADA compliance and the fact that the "building" was actually a trailer. Artifacts from the current city hall would be recovered before it was torn down. Items would be preserved, such as the dedication plaque, a piece of the wooden dais, and he would also like to see the old mail chute salvaged. There would be an area for display of the new city hall with the shovel and plaque from the groundbreaking ceremony. He noted there was a time lapse camera on the roof of city hall capturing the construction. It could become a digital display.

Mr. Gavazzi mentioned that changing exhibits would keep the museum fresh. He had some items from previous employees, such as a photo of the mall on opening day, and several views from the current city hall shortly after it opened.

Ms. Dawson asked about interactive displays. Mr. Gavazzi said there was a computer, but was unsure of what would be displayed at this time.

Vice Chair Heim suggested a display that saluted Sunrise's centenarians.

Chairperson Ginsburg Cohen listed suggestions for changing exhibits such as poetry, chess, and veterans.

Mr. Howell commented on the lighting for the museum and that this was the time to plan for it.

Vice Chair Heim asked if there was any research Capital Projects needed from the board.

Ms. Ginsburg Cohen mentioned the discussion of quotes, and that Mr. Heim had put together several for consideration.

Mr. Heim asked about a tour of the new city hall facility once it was safe.

Assistant Director Gavazzi answered that he was unsure what the safety protocols would be, but can give the board a tour of the area before the building opens to the public.

Mr. Heim mentioned the idea for the museum was brought up in 2014.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard advised that a Sunrise museum has been a discussion point of the Sunrise Historical Commission for more than 30 years.

Mr. Gavazzi said when he began in 2005, they were discussing the new city hall.

City Clerk Felicia Bravo commented that a new city hall discussion began in 2003.

Mr. Howell asked about the roofing material of the new building.

Mr. Gavazzi replied that the building would be much more energy efficient than the current city hall, but would not have solar power.

The board members thanked Mr. Gavazzi and Ms. Frias for their presentation.

2. Discussion of Quotes

Ms. Rogazione said she thought there would be one quote. Ms. Girard suggested selecting a few to provide more options.

The board members discussed and selected several quotes. Ms. Girard said she would email the list to the board members, to make sure all the quotes were included.

VI. New Business

Vice Chair Heim presented a framed plaque with photographs for the Naval Station Museum. He asked about adding that it was from the City of Sunrise Historical Commission.

City Clerk Bravo advised that any board correspondence or items had be sent from City staff.

Chairperson Ginsburg Cohen requested a thank you note be sent to Mr. Gavazzi and Ms. Frias.

Mr. Heim said that every other city in Broward had a motto. He listed several cities, such as Coral Springs and Fort Lauderdale. He offered, in homage to the Upside-Down House, "Sunrise is the center of South Florida innovation."

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Howell and seconded by Ms. Males. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard