



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, January 10, 2022

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. Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered to the Board members by Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard.

III. Roll Call:

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

Vice Chair William Heim

Aleece Dawson

Laura Males

Jacqueline Rogazione

Bernard Shaw

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard – also present

IV. Open Discussion

None

V. Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the December 6, 2021 meeting was made by Philip Howell and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor.

VI. New Business

A. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION - Philip Howell moved to nominate the current slate with Toby-Ginsburg-Cohen as Chairperson, and William Heim as Vice Chair, was seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor.

B. Goals for 2022

Goal 1 – Review boxes for Five Cornerstone Items

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard spoke to the members about retrieving boxes for review regarding the five items designated to be the cornerstones of the museum. She stated she would bring some boxes to next month's meeting so the members could sort through them to glean anything pertaining to these items.

Vice Chair William Heim said that previously there was a donation of a flag, and the donor wanted the item back. Mr. Heim developed a prototype form to be used as a donation receipt. The form was distributed to the board members.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen spoke about old photographs she had of previous members of the Historical Commission.

Goal 2 – Campus Directional Signage for Historical Museum

Vice Chair William Heim brought up the idea of having signs coming off the highway, such as the Sawgrass Expressway, as they have in other cities. Mr. Heim suggested it might be an opportune time to place a sign for the History Museum when the time was right. He said it could give visibility to the museum.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard replied there were currently directional signs on the municipal campus, and she thought they would add more as changes are made to the campus.

Mr. Heim suggested perhaps the Historical museum could be mentioned on the marquis, as well as adding a directional sign.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen spoke about the new Horizons Magazine and all the upcoming events.

Bernard Shaw advised the City of Sunrise was buying back the Sunrise Musical Theater. The church was giving it up and selling it back to the city. Mr. Shaw said the City was planning to put a hospital there. He heard it was a Baptist Hospital. It is a big empty lot. Bernard Shaw mentioned a car show advertised in the Horizon Magazine scheduled for February 26th.

VII. Old Business

A. Sunshine Law and Group Tours

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said there will not be a tour of the new city hall prior to opening to the public due to both to Sunshine Law and safety concerns on the site.

B. Quotes for History Museum

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard requested the board table this item. It would be discussed next month with City Clerk Felicia Bravo present.

Publication/Marketing of Museum and City Events

Aleece Dawson asked about advertising for the museum once the new city hall opens.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated that would most likely happen as all events were publicized. She said she would relay the information.

Discussion ensued regarding upcoming events listed in the Horizons Magazine.

Aleece Dawson commented that one of the board members previously asked about collecting flyers from events.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said the flyers could be from all city events and programs. Ms. Girard stated that flyers collected from any events board members attend could be handed in at the board meetings.

Ms. Dawson said she had a brochure from the Cabaret show held at the Civic Center the previous evening.

Laura Males advised that she went to an event and took pictures. Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard replied that the city did not have a program to save those photographs.

Item Donations

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said there had not been any donations of memorabilia or historical items in some time, perhaps due to the pandemic.

Aleece Dawson asked about the Chamber of Commerce possibly having items that can be donated. Ms. Dawson stated that she is a member and would ask.

Second Time Capsule

Bernard Shaw suggested another time capsule, maybe something short-term. Mr. Shaw suggested something with pictures to honor the old city hall since everything is changing and once the new city hall is built; there would be a past and a present. It can show how the city has progressed. He suggested a 10-15-year time capsule. The museum could be part of it.

Vice Chair William Heim suggested digitizing the progression, and then put it in the time capsule.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated that one of the items for the museum were items from the old city hall.

Bernard Shaw commented construction was almost done and they were making progress. Mr. Shaw wanted pictures of the old city hall before it is torn down. He mentioned photographing areas in old city hall that needed repair.

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen said she would ask around for memorabilia. She stated there were a few older people in her complex and she would inquire.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laura Males and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Bernita Sherrod, Administrative Assistant II