



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, March 14, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: Flamingo Park Meeting Hall

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

Jacqueline Rogazione – Absent (excused)

Bernard Shaw

Also Present: Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk

III. Open Discussion

Mr. Marco Bohorquez introduced himself. Mr. Bohorquez stated he served on the Law Enforcement Review and Advisory Board and that he came to observe the meeting.

IV. Approval of Minutes

MOTION A motion to approve the minutes of February 14, 2022 with corrections, was made by Aleece Dawson and seconded by Bernard Shaw. All were in favor

V. New Business

Vice Chair William Heim mentioned the quotes that had been discussed. Mr. Heim stated that perhaps it would be nice and a value to the city to have a contribution quote from the Historical Commission relevant to history. Mr. Heim handed out a memo with the subject "Historical Commission personal contribution to the new Sunrise, FL Historical Commission," the quote read "Yesterday built the present and wise decisions today build the future."

Aleece Dawson suggested deleting the word "wise". Laura Males agreed.

Vice Chair William Heim stated that the quote was an original quote penned by the Historical Commission.

Bernard Shaw stated he would like to make the quote the official slogan of the Historical Commission. Mr. Shaw suggested placing the slogan over the entry way of the museum in black lettering possibly on a piece of oak.

MOTION – Bernard Shaw motioned to accept the quote, with the elimination of the word “wise”. Laura Males seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard explained to Mr. Bohroquez what the board was doing and the reason why they were sorting through the boxes. The new city hall would have a historical museum, something this board had discussed for many years.

Vice Chair William Heim stated the idea of a history museum was actually proposed in 2014, and adopted in 2019. Mr. Heim advised that last December it was mentioned that a past Historical Commission thought of this 20 years ago, but he was not aware of that. Mr. Heim stated that the idea was brought up by the current Historical Commission during a 2014 at a GO Bond meeting and they took the initiative. The current Historical Commission took five years and the idea was accepted at that time. Mr. Heim said it was never mentioned from the time he was here in 2013, until he saw the opportunity.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg-Cohen corrected Vice Chair Heim’s statement. Ms. Ginsburg-Cohen advised that it was Commissioner Scuotto and members of the original Historical Commission, and that the idea started at least at that long ago

Vice Chair William Heim said he would like to know the meeting date where the idea was brought up. Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated she would provide the minutes.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard advised that she had been in the city for a long time and involved with the Historical Commission since Frances Ginsburg was Chair. Ms. Girard stated that this is an idea that has been spoken about since the 1980s.

Vice Chair William Heim stated the idea of the history museum had died out and was brought up again by the current Historical Commission in 2014. Mr. Heim stated that he did not resurrect the idea, but initiated it. Mr. Heim expressed that he was happy the Historical Commission had a hand in this idea and that the city was pursuing it.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated that she thought the idea of the history museum died out because there was no location for a museum at the time the idea was initially brought up.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg-Cohen agreed there was no room for a history museum that time.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard stated that there was talk about different buildings to use as the history museum; i.e., the old post office and the old city hall, however those buildings were since knocked down.

Bernard Shaw spoke about the Car Show. It was a great event and well attended. Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard reminded them they needed to do that at a board meeting, since it was conducting board business.

Laura Males suggested taking a few minutes during the meeting to work on the ad.

Philip Howell mentioned that he spoke about this subject at a homeowners' meeting he attended. Mr. Howell stated that attendance was usually not very good, however, the Laker was distributed to all the owners.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen suggested a full page ad. Philip Howell said he would check on the cost.

Laura Males suggested placing a notice at each complex that has a message board. They need confirmation that can be done. Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said she look into it.

Philip Howell stated that there are still several original owners in the complex from when it was built 45 years ago that may have historical memorabilia.

MOTION A motion was made by Vice Chair William Heim and seconded by Bernard Shaw to support Philip Howell's idea. All were in favor.

VI. Old Business

A. Sunrise History Museum Items for Review

- Old Post Office
- Upside Down House
- Time Capsule
- City Hall, Past and Present
- Center for Scholastic Chess

The members sorted through several boxes for historical information relating to the five items of interest. Meryl Girard requested the members index the boxes as they were sorted.

Marco Bohorquez mentioned they are starting a Rotary Club in Sunrise and that the club would meet the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Goodfellas Pizza from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Mr. Bohorquez advised there would be a Rotary Social event on Wednesday, March 15, 2022 between 5:30 – 9:00 pm for anyone interested in more information. Mr. Bohorquez stated the event is a fund raiser for the American Legion, and a percentage of all proceeds from that night will be donated.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked how much the dues would be.

Mr. Bohorquez said a ballpark for individuals would be \$100, and \$150 for businesses, quarterly. He invited everyone to come check it out.

B. Quotes for History Museum

Aleece Dawson said she shortlisted the quotes as follows:

1. The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.
Theodore Roosevelt
2. If history were taught in the form of stories, it would never be forgotten.
Rudyard Kipling
3. We are not makers of history. We are made by history.
Martin Luther King Jr.

Vice Chair William Heim said he wanted to suggest something for consideration, but he did not want it to be political. Mr. Heim read a quote from Plato, "Those who do not pay attention to their government will someday be governed by fools."

Several of the Historical Commission members voiced that they felt the quote was not appropriate.

Vice Chair Heim mentioned the JFK quote that Mr. Howell spoke about previously,

stating that JFK was the President when Sunrise was founded in 1961.

Philip Howell read the quote, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

Vice Chair William Heim advised that quote was from President Kennedy's inaugural address speech in 1961.

MOTION Aleece Dawson moved to submit the five quotes discussed, the three short listed by her, the quote from Vice Chair William. Heim and the President Kennedy quote suggested by Philip Howell was seconded by Laura. Males. All were in favor.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg-Cohen asked for a moment of silence to be observed for the Citizens of Ukraine.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laura Males and seconded by Philip Howell. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: _____
Bernita Sherrod, Administrative Assistant II