



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting

Date: Monday, May 9, 2022

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: City Commission Chamber

Address: 10770 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise, FL 33351

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call:

Chair Toby Ginsburg-Cohen

Heather Clough-Robinson

Aleece Dawson

Philip Howell - arrived at 4:05 p.m.

Laura Males

Bernard Shaw

Dionne Smith

Also Present: Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk

Self-introductions were made, including the two new board members, Ms. Heather Clough-Robinson and Ms. Dionne Smith. They were welcomed to the board.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen requested a moment of silence for long-time board member Jackie Rogazione. Ms. Rogazione was a big supporter of the historical museum. She passed away in April.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked that a moment of silence be observed for the residents of Ukraine.

III. Open Discussion

No one came forward.

IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Howell arrived at the meeting, and apologized for being tardy.

A. March 14, 2022

MOTION A motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2022 made by Bernard Shaw was seconded by Laura Males. All were in favor.

B. April 11, 2022

MOTION A motion to approve the minutes of April 11, 2022 made by Laura Males was seconded by Bernard Shaw. All in favor.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard requested that New Business, Selection of Vice Chair, be moved up at this time.

V. Old Business

A. Follow Up Items

- Historical Markers (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board Meeting March 17, 2017)

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said the Deputy Utilities Director, who was formerly the Assistant Director of Community Development and Board Liaison to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board was contacted, as was the Assistant City Engineer, who was now the board liaison. Both confirmed that there was no action taken on this item. There were no historical markers, however they were currently working on way-finding markers for the greenway.

- Former Historical Commission Minutes Referencing a Museum

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said this board was created in 1985. She reviewed the former Art and Historical Commission minutes, and the Historical Commission Minutes from 1987 through 2013. All relevant minutes were copied and tabbed for the board's review. The subject was brought up often over the decades.

- Sunrise Lakes (Laker) Advertisement

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard reported that a full-page ad was placed in the Sunrise Lakes Phase 4 publication. The Marketing Division advised that information was also going to be posted on the bulletin boards in Sunrise Lakes. She passed around a copy of the ad.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked about the advertisement for Phase 3.

Deputy City Clerk Girard advised that she reached out to the Marketing Director, who said she had been unsuccessful in reaching someone in Phase 3. Ms. Girard called Mr. Howell and obtained a contact name and number, and passed that information to Marketing, who said they would follow up.

Philip Howell replied that he spoke with the Recreation Board member who handled this matter. She said they would not take any political ads. He told her this was not a political issue. Mr. Howell advised that Phase 3 would not take the ad, so he suggested speaking with someone in Phase 2.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard agreed the ad was not political. The City was advertising the services offered at the senior center that benefit the residents.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked for a copy of the ad. She and Laura Males discussed sending a letter.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard commented she would follow up with Marketing.

- Photographs from Topping Off Ceremony

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard passed around photographs of the location of the history museum at the new city hall. She asked the chair if she would like to explain what this was about to the new board members.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen explained that the new museum would have displays from the City's history, commenting on the City's 50th and 55th anniversaries. She said that speaker from the City of Coral Springs addressed the board last month about Coral Springs' museum. Sunrise's museum would have exhibits on the wall, there would be digital displays, it would highlight people that have contributed over the years, such as Shirley Sumner. There was also the time capsule, that was located in the Commission Chambers.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard added that this board had been seeking a space to display the City's history for over thirty years. There would be space for this in the new city hall that was being built.

Vice Chair Bernard Shaw asked if there were copies of the photographs for the board members.

Ms. Girard answered she only brought one set, but would email them to the members.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked about the brick project.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard replied that the City was moving forward with the Memorial Brick Program at Veterans Park.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen explained that the board has been going through boxes of memorabilia saved over the years.

Vice Chair Bernard Shaw commented that he cut an article out of the paper from the City of Deerfield Beach. There was a picture of Amie Kay Tanner in the original Butler House. She was the official historian for the Deerfield Beach Historical Society.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked if Mr. Shaw was suggesting having her as a speaker at the meeting.

Vice Chair Bernard Shaw did not know if she would drive here from Deerfield Beach.

There was a brief recap of the presentation made by the City of Coral Springs.

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard reported that she and City Clerk Felicia Bravo visited the museum last week. The museum had hours by appointment only. They made an appointment, and met Coral Springs Historian Kelli Matonak there. Coral Springs did an outstanding job with the museum. The building was very small and consisted of one room, but it was full of information. She encouraged anyone who was interested to make an appointment and visit.

Vice Chair Bernard Shaw advised they were making progress at the Baptist Hospital site. The ground was cleared out already.

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen asked where it was located.

Vice Chair Shaw explained it was where Oakland Park Boulevard ended and Flamingo Road started, in between Windward Isle and Artesia, near the entrance to the Sawgrass Expressway.

Chairperson Ginsburg Cohen asked where the other hospital would be located.

Vice Chair Shaw said Oakland Park Boulevard and Pine Island Road, where the old skating rink was.

B. Sunrise History Museum Items for Review

- Old Post Office
- Upside-Down House
- City Hall: Old and New
- Time Capsule
- Center for Scholastic Chess

Deputy City Clerk Meryl Girard said the board was currently focusing on five subjects. There were boxes to review. The box contents should be indexed, and anything relevant to these subjects should be put aside.

Philip Howell asked if he could read the Irish Blessing on the back of the card from Jackie Rogazione's funeral. Everyone agreed. He said it was a wonderful service.

At this point, the Commission members sorted through the boxes.

VI. New Business

A. Selection of Vice Chair

MOTION A motion to appoint Bernard Shaw as Vice Chair made by Laura Males was seconded by Dionne Smith. All were in favor.

VII. Meeting Adjourned

Seeing there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Girard reminded everyone that meetings would no longer be held at Flamingo Park, but in the City Commission Chambers.

Respectfully submitted by: _____

Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk