



City of Sunrise Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023

Time: 4:00 PM

Location: City Commission Chambers

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

Meeting Agenda

I. Call to Order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call:

Chairperson Toby Ginsburg Cohen

Vice Chair Bernard Shaw

Heather Clough-Robinson

Philip Howell

Roberto Fernandez III

Stacy Sherman

Laura Males

Also Present: Felicia Bravo, City Clerk

Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk

III. Open Discussion

No one was present.

IV. Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2023

MOTION A motion to approve the minutes of February 13, 2023 made by Vice Chair Shaw was seconded by Mr. Fernandez. All were in favor.

V. Correspondence

None

V. New Business

A. Presentation – Exhibit Outline

Mr. Fernandez presented an exhibit outline. He was concerned about the cases with the lighting inside the building. They needed to figure out the type of space there was to consider refreshing exhibits.

Discussion took place regarding subjects listed on the outline.

Chair Ginsburg Cohen mentioned old businesses on Sunset Strip, such as Village Hardware, owned by Commissioner Irwin Harlem.

Mr. Howell spoke about the beginning of Sunrise Lakes. The builder put 20,000 people on 200 acres of land at no cost to the city because there was no need for schools. This was an example of how the city grew.

Ms. Sherman spoke about the development of single-family homes. They lived in the city many years, and when the homes around Pine Island Road were built the prices started at approximately \$40,000. No one could imagine how anyone would afford that.

Mr. Fernandez said the city does not have a historian. Six month shifts for exhibits may work. The city did not have staff to accommodate changing them more frequently.

Deputy City Clerk Girard said one member of the board could possibly take a look in the lobby area at the space that was allocated for the museum.

Vice Chair Shaw said that would not be allowed, due to construction restrictions.

MOTION Chair Ginsburg Cohen moved to have Mr. Fernandez tour the area, if possible, was seconded by Mr. Howell. All were in favor.

Chair Ginsburg Cohen mentioned the Broward County Pioneers.

Mr. Fernandez was very familiar with this program from being on the Broward County Historical Society. He had all the old programs, so they could glean information about former Sunrise Pioneers. He was the person who presented George Mora with his Pioneer award.

Chair Ginsburg Cohen asked about digital interviews of the pioneers.

City Clerk Bravo said once they get through the artifacts, the audio display will be addressed.

B. Sub-Committees

Deputy City Clerk Girard said in the interest in time, they needed to work on selecting items for the museum immediately. It was suggested that a sub-committee of the board form, so that two or three people could meet soon and begin this process.

Chair Ginsburg Cohen, Vice Chair Shaw and Mr. Howell volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Mr. Fernandez said he would try to attend the meetings, but did not want to volunteer because it would jeopardize quorum requirements if he could not attend. Ms. Males said she was going out of town through mid-May.

Deputy City Clerk Girard said she would check on the availability of the Commission Chambers for later that week.

VI. Adjournment

Seeing there was no further business to come before the board, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Ms. Sherman said she had a question about an email. The meeting was reconvened at 4:25 p.m.

Ms. Sherman asked if anyone else had difficulty opening the PDF documents sent with inventory lists.

Mr. Fernandez said he could not open the documents on his phone, but had not had an opportunity to try on a computer. Chair Ginsburg Cohen said she could not open them.

Deputy City Clerk Girard said she would attempt to email them in a different format.

Meeting re-adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Meryl Girard, Deputy City Clerk