

**Florida Historical Commission
Tallahassee, Florida
October 5, 2012**

Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present via Telephone: Ms. Marion Almy, Presiding Officer; Ms. Kathy Fleming, Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Ms. Mimi Hardman, Dr. Adam Hirsch, Dr. William Lees, Ms. Lucille Rights, Ms. Melissa Schechter

Commission Members Unable to Attend: Major Graham Fountain, Ms. Ellen Ugucioni

Division of Historical Resources Staff Present: Mr. Robert F. Bendus, State Historic Preservation Officer; Ms. Celeste Ivory, Division Operations Administrator; Mr. Phillip Wisley, Supervisor of Architectural Preservation Services; Mr. Rob Blount, Executive Director of Mission San Luis; Dr. Mary Glowacki, Chief of the Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Barbara Mattick, Head of Survey and Registration Section; Ms. Alissa Slade, Chief of the Bureau of Historic Preservation; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor; Ms. Jennifer Patnode, Grants Specialist

Guests Present via Telephone: Ms. Kerri Post, Department of State Director of Marketing

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Almy at 1:05 p.m.

II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests

III. Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adopt the agenda as emailed. Commissioner Rights so moved. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes from July 24, 2012 Meeting

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adopt the minutes as emailed. Commissioner Fleming so moved. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

V. Chairman's Comments

Chairman Almy reminded the Commission that the Secretary and Division continue efforts to resolve out-of-date terms, and thanked all for their patience during the interim.

VI. Viva Florida 500 Update

Ms. Kerri Post updated the Commission on Viva Florida 500 activities. Ms. Post reported on a Florida Lottery partnership involving a Viva Florida 500 scratch-off game which will launch in January and feature 500 historic sites around the state; the upcoming installation in November of FDOT signage statewide for Viva Florida 500 identification; discussions with Disney for Viva branding at Epcot in the Flower and Garden Festival in the Spring and the Food and Wine Festival in the Fall; involvement with Publix promotional programs; the creation of a 500th anniversary t-shirt and poster with historic maps by Guy Harvey Oceans Foundations and Guy Harvey, Inc.; 2 life-size replicas of Spanish galleons sailing into ports around Florida by the Nao Victoria Foundation; a recent statewide summit in St. Augustine, thanks were given to Commissioner Fleming for hosting a wonderful reception at the Lighthouse prior to the summit and to Commissioner Schechter for assistance at the event; upcoming regional meetings in South Florida in December; and the launch of the new Viva Florida 500 website in November.

Commissioner Fleming inquired if a schedule of stops for Nao Victoria is available yet. Ms. Post stated the proposal is still in planning phase and the revised proposal will soon be provided to the Commission. Commissioner Rights expressed her interest in a visit by Nao Victoria to Ft. Pierce Inlet. Director Bendus requested help from the Commission with promotion, outreach and the roll-out for this big event for the state of Florida.

VII. Director's Division Updates

Director Bendus thanked the Commission for their advice, assistance and time. Director Bendus discussed the proposed constitutional amendment by Governor Graham to increase funding for acquisition of conservation and archaeological/historical properties; continued efforts to develop programmatic agreements including: Deepwater Horizon, Everglades Restoration, and St. Augustine Colonial Quarter projects; results of a department-wide internal audit review; historic property management including upcoming ADA review for creation of a list of deficiencies and funding recommendations, so all properties are accessible to the public; partnership with Department of Corrections (DOC) enlisting free labor for landscaping at Mission San Luis, The Grove and the Martin House; increasing accessibility at the de Soto 1539 Winter Encampment site; an appropriation for the Grove to purchase adjacent properties, work to provide better access for the project site, continuing rehabilitation, efforts to secure a guaranteed maximum price from bids that were solicited for the next phase of the project; keeping an eye on budgets including possible cuts to federal money coming in, and optimistic state revenue projections; 10 legislative budget requests for the division have been submitted to the Secretary of State requesting funding for: completion of the Grove, Historic Preservation Grants, an addition to the archaeological collection facility at Mission San Luis, Lighthouse preservation including an update to survey of lighthouses and aid to Cape San Blas Light, Great Floridian plaques in the Historic Capitol, and conversion of several positions from OPS to Career Service.

Commissioner Fleming commented that the request for lighthouse funding is in statute, as we keep in mind the process and the needs of other historic properties that lighthouses are among historic resources, and all are working together in the same system.

Director Bendus concurred that there are a number of competing issues for the scarce dollars available to historic preservation, and stated the division is guided by *F.S.* 380.285 to know the status of the condition of lighthouses statewide, take a leadership role in implementing plans to

the stabilize lighthouses and the associated structures to preserve and protect them from future deterioration.

VIII. Business Items

A. Schedule Meetings

The commission agreed on Friday, December 7, 1 p.m. to Conclusion, for the final quarterly meeting date of 2012.

B. Preliminary Discussion regarding the Annual Election of the Presiding Officer of the Historic Preservation Awards Nominating Committee (Vote at next meeting)

Director Bendus requested that Chairman Almy create a nominating committee, which will elect a presiding officer, review the awards, pass them on to the full Commission for a vote, and then move the recommendations to the Secretary of State.

C. Preliminary Discussion regarding Historic Preservation Awards and Appointment of Selection Committee (Vote at next meeting)

Chairman Almy established the subcommittee, including Commissioners Lees, Fleming, and Schechter. Commissioner Lees was nominated, and will serve as the Chair of the subcommittee.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Bureau of Historic Preservation Update

Ms. Alissa Slade provided the Bureau of Historic Preservation update. Ms. Slade advised the Commission on staff changes including the retirement of Ms. Laura Kammerer after 21 years of service as Compliance Review Supervisor, interviews conducted and candidate selected for filling the position, the hire of two new employees in the Florida Master Site File (FMSF), Dr. Sarah Liko, and Ms. Gabby McDonnell, the move of Dr. Eman Vovsi to the duty-staff of the FMSF, the transfer of Ms. Shannon O'Donnell from the FMSF to another state agency, internships of Mr. Drew Bagley and Ms. Lauren Walls with Historical Marker Program, the upcoming transfer of Ms. Jennifer Patnode, Grants Specialist, to another state agency, request for hire of a new Grants Supervisor, and the upcoming retirement on November 30 of Ms. Susan Harp, State Lands Archaeologist for Compliance Review; the FMSF now has 188,000+ historic resources recorded, and 19,000+ manuscripts on file; Site File staff are working on a GIS layer for Historical Markers; Spanish Colonial Heritage Trail sites have been plotted in Google Earth; Florida Main Street Conference was held September 12- 14 in Dade City, with staff presentations by Blaine Waide, Michael Zimny and Joan Jefferson; 18 applications received from folk artists for the for the individual artist fellowship for folk and traditional art; Florida Folklife program received a copy of the Drop on Down in Florida expanded reissue, and

notification from the NEA of grant award for 2012/13 grant, the grant will include a folklife survey of the lower St. Johns area; two Folklife Forums were hosted in August in the Panhandle, teaching communities how to identify and utilize folklife resources in their communities; Florida Folklife Program partnership with Mission San Luis (MSL) and FSU's Center for Music of the Americas in bringing Afro-Cuban Bata drummer Ezequiel Torres to MSL and Ruediger Elementary; Certified Local Government Program working with Boynton Beach, Broward County and Palatka on certification; approved Comprehensive Plan now posted on division's website; receipt of reprints of publications; Tax Act application for the Belleview Biltmore conditionally approved and sent to National Park Service (NPS) which also conditionally approved; grant agreements went out in July, and the successful close of 2011/12 grants without reverting CLG pass-through funds; solicitation of Special-Category grant applications, cycle from October 15- December 15; continued efforts on development of Florida's Historic Golf Trail by Mr. Scott Edwards; National Register Review Board meeting on November 30, and Great Floridian Ad Hoc Committee meeting on October 31.

Dr. Barbara Mattick updated the Commission on the most recent National Register listings in Florida, including: Palmetto Beach Historic District in Tampa, West Side Grade School near Ft. Lauderdale, W. Henry Lewis House in Ft. Meade; waiting to hear on submissions on the Solner-Wall in Tallahassee, the Palmetto Armory in Palmetto, the Rogers Park Golf Course will be returned with questions, the Constitution Obelisk in St. Augustine; the upcoming agenda for November 30 meeting will include: the Rothman House, McKeage House, James Henry House, Meridian Road, Presbyterian Center at Florida State University, the Jack Kerouac House, and Snyder Memorial Methodist Church. Dr. Mattick also advised that Historical Markers are on order, after Council review for: 9th Avenue West Bridge, Ryckman House, Ponce de Leon in Charlotte Harbor replacement text of missing marker, 30 Degrees 8 Minutes, Cosson Family Tragedy marker erected near Eglin AFB; new Historical Marker Council members have been appointed: Dr. Valerie Jean Connor, Mr. Rich Estabrook, and Mr. Jose Miranda; and staff are nearing completion of a new electronic marker application.

B. Bureau of Archaeological Research Update

Dr. Mary Glowacki provided the Bureau of Archaeological Research update. Dr. Glowacki advised the Commission on the Public Lands Archaeology (PLA) Program, which deals with human remains and *F.S.* 872, drafted state policy for Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) now under internal legal review and will eventually be submitted to the National Park Service (NPS) which will facilitate the process of working with NAGPRA requirements; 872 projects, 3 cases were particularly involved; human remains policy and 1A-32 research permit info is now posted on-line; Archaeological Resource Management (ARM) training at Wekiva Springs State Park, and plans for revising the ARM program; Everglades report submitted per Army Corps of Engineers and South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) request, now under review by the Army Corps; completion of Twin Rivers State Forest report by Ms. Julie Byrd; reassessment of properties managed in the general Tallahassee area including San Damien, an early Spanish mission; Florida Forever reviews of Blue Head Ranch, Pringle Creek Forest, and the Natural Bridge Project in Walton County by Mr. Mike Wisenbaker and Ms. Julie Byrd; incorporation of PLA archaeologists from Mission San Luis (MSL); Dr. Bonnie McEwan is assisting staff with writing up research on the Fort at MSL,

assisting the Apalachee Tribe with establishing federal recognition, and is also consulting on creation of structure to the Camino Real as a historic feature of North Florida; Underwater Archaeology Team working on preliminary field project for the Ribault shipwreck project; FPAN 3rd annual staff meeting, and tentative collaboration on a Broward County offshore survey; 1A-31 permits are being managed well, with a few divisions; Conservation and Collections programs have been busy and working with Lighthouse Archaeological Maritime Program (LAMP) and the Florida Park Service; Conservation Lab consultation regarding restoration of the Tomoka State Park sculpture; conservation training of treating stabilizing dug-out canoes, and discourage bringing them out of anaerobic environments; Collections Program is finalizing location of artifacts and reestablishing database after the move; Collections Policy Committee established, including: Mr. Paul Jones, Dr. William Lees, Dr. Elizabeth Benchley, Dr. Dave Dickel, and Dr. Mary Glowacki; staff participation in the First Floridians Conference in Monticello, Florida supported by the Florida Humanities Council with funding from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH); and Panhandle Archaeological Society at Tallahassee (PAST) local kick-off last month and this month Johnathan Grandage spoke on Seminole identity.

C. Mission San Luis Update

Mr. Rob Blount updated the Commission on the most recent and upcoming happenings at Mission San Luis, including: the concert by Ezequiel Torres, Afro-Cuban Bata drummer; September reception for the annual meeting of the Florida Association of Museums; Annual Blessing of the Animals in October; Giving Thanks on November 24, celebrating annual harvest; Winter Solstice on December 16, with many activities; premier Tallahassee kick-off of Viva Florida 500 on January 5 for the First Christmas in La Florida, celebrating 1st Mass of the de Soto Winter Encampment in 1539; Chihuahua Paseo on Cinco de Mayo, Spring Military Muster in May, and then move into the summer camp season.

X. Other Business

Chairman Almy and the Commission congratulated Director Bendus on his first year as State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Director Bendus thanked the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) for conference and all of FPAN's support. Director Bendus informed the Commission on the passing of Mr. Roy Lett, photographer for the division and Department of State for 31 years, in September.

XI. Public Comment

Ms. Kerri Post gave kudos to the Underwater Archaeology Team on the Panhandle Shipwreck Trail, promoting product via: interview on TV, publishing in a national dive magazine, developing press kit, marketing and communication. Ms. Post also gave kudos to Mission San Luis for hosting a successful Viva Florida 500 marketing campaign and producing great events.

XII. Adjourn

Chairman Almy called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Gonzalez so moved. The

motion was seconded by Commissioner Fleming and it was passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.

Mason M. OLM Presiding Officer

Robert F. Bendus Director, Division of Historical Resources and
State Historic Preservation Officer

Approved: 12.07.2012