Meeting Minutes

Commission Members Present In-Person: None.

Commission Members Present Via Webinar: Ms. Marion Almy, Chair; Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Mr. Bill Clague; Mr. Matt Hudson; Mr. Rick Gonzalez, Vice Chair; Mr. John Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith.

Commission Members Not Present: None.

DOS Staff Members Present: Dr. Timothy Parsons, Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Kathryn Miyar, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Ms. Lisa Barton, Chief, Bureau of Historic Museums; Mr. Michael Hart, Historical Marker Program; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator.

DMS Staff Members Present: Mr. Tom Berger; Mr. Patrick Gillespie.

Members of the Public Present: Mr. Robert Overton; Mr. Thomas St. Myer.

Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call
Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests
Ms. Almy asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

Item III. Adoption of Agenda
Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adopt the February 5, 2021, FHC business meeting agenda. Mr. Hudson so moved. Mr. Gonzalez seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item IV. Approval of Minutes from November 6, 2020, Meeting
Ms. Almy asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the November 6, 2020, FHC business meeting. Mr. Phelps so moved. Mr. Browning seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Item V. Chairman’s Comments
Ms. Almy asked Dr. Parsons for an update on the status of appointments to the Florida Historical Commission.

Item VI. Director’s Comments
Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director’s Comments. Dr. Parsons thanked the commissioners for their time and effort. He then provided legislative updates and a few highlights of the Division’s work.
Item VII. Business Items
Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Robert Overton to present a request to change the name of a state facility. Mr. Overton provided the commissioners with background information on the requested name change of the Wentworth Museum at the University of West Florida. Mr. Phelps motioned to accept the name change of the Wentworth Museum to the Pensacola Museum of History at the University of West Florida. Mr. Hudson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Almy recognized Mr. Berger to provide the Capitol Complex Update. Mr. Berger presented slides to the commissioners showing potential locations for the approved monuments and memorials. The commissioners thanked Mr. Berger for the update.

Ms. Almy asked Dr. Liko to provide the commissioners with upcoming dates for the FHC business meetings

Item VIII. Committee Reports
Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Miyar to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Miyar provided updates for each program area.

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane provided updates for each program area.

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson provided grants program updates and potential dates for the Special Category grant review meeting.

Item IX. Other Business
None.

Item X. Public Comment
None.

Item XI. Adjourn
Ms. Almy asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Birtman so moved, and Mr. Hudson seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

______________________________ Presiding Officer

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Approved: ____________________