

**Florida Historical Commission**  
**500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building**  
**Friday, May 24, 2019 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present In-Person:** Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Mr. Tim Holladay; Mr. Vincent Luisi; Dr. Clifford Smith.

**Commission Members Present Via Phone:** Ms. Marion Almy; Mr. John Phelps; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

**Commission Members Not Present:** Mr. Rick Gonzalez.

**DOS Staff Members Present:** Dr. Timothy Parsons, Division Director; Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Mary Glowacki, Chief, Bureau of Archaeological Research; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor; Mr. Timothy Knoepke, Grants Program Supervisor; Mr. Eric Case, Grants Specialist.

**Members of the Public Present:** Mr. Matt Barr; Mr. Steve Cutshaw; Ms. Kim Davis; Mr. Lonnie Mann; Ms. Melissa Wyllie.

**Item I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Vice Chair Bense called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. and asked Dr. Liko to call the roll. Quorum was confirmed.

**Item II. Introduction of Commission, Staff & Guests**

Dr. Bense asked the commissioners, staff, and guests to introduce themselves.

**Item III. Adoption of Agenda**

Dr. Bense asked for a motion to adopt the May 24, 2019, FHC business meeting agenda. Dr. Smith so moved. Mr. Holladay seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item IV. Approval of Minutes from February 8, 2019, Meeting**

Dr. Bense asked if there was any discussion regarding the February 8, 2019 minutes. Mr. Browning asked that the minutes be edited because he was not a commissioner at that time and therefore was not absent from the meeting. Dr. Bense asked for a motion to adopt the minutes with this change. Ms. Spurgeon so moved. Mr. Luisi seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item V. Chairman's Comments**

Dr. Bense thanked the commissioners and members of the public for coming.

## **Item VI. Director's Comments**

Dr. Bense recognized Dr. Parsons to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Parsons thanked the commissioners for their time and effort and welcomed Mr. Browning to the Commission. He then gave brief updates regarding Preservation Month, the Division's budget, and the 2019 Florida Legislative session. Dr. Bense recognized Ms. Wyllie to briefly inform the commissioners about the Florida Trust conference. Dr. Parsons continued his updates, highlighting the Florida Folklife 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Ms. Almy joined the meeting at 9:15 a.m. She asked Dr. Parsons about presenting the Mary Call Darby Collins award to the 2019 awardee, Dr. Luer. Ms. Almy wanted to ensure that awards are presented to winners in a timely fashion. She agreed that there should be an agenda item on the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019, business meeting to discuss planning for award presentations and to choose the awards subcommittee.

## **Item VII. Committee Reports**

Dr. Bense recognized Dr. Glowacki to give the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Glowacki gave a summary of Archaeology Month events and a meeting with the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN) to discuss some of their programs, including the Heritage Monitoring Scouts (HMS). Dr. Glowacki then provided updates for each program area.

Dr. Bense recognized Ms. Lotane to give the Bureau of Historic Preservation report. Ms. Lotane discussed several Historic Preservation Month events, and then provided updates for each program area.

Dr. Bense recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson provided an update on FY 2020 grant funding by the Florida Legislature and confirmed the FY 2021 Special Category grant application review meeting dates of September 26 and 27, 2019.

## **Item VIII. Business Items**

Dr. Bense recognized Ms. Davis to present a proposal to rename Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park in honor of the late Ruth B. Kirby, former owner of the property. Ms. Davis described the contributions of Ms. Kirby. Ms. Spurgeon asked Ms. Davis what she believed was the most important reason to name the park after Ms. Kirby. Ms. Davis answered that it was her dedication to preserving the spring in its natural condition. Mr. Luisi asked Mr. Cutshaw about the logistics of changing brochures and other park materials. Mr. Cutshaw answered that the change will take place immediately on signs and websites but will occur through attrition on printed materials. Dr. Smith asked if the FHC's approval is the last step for the name change, and Mr. Cutshaw answered that the final step is approval by the Acquisition and Restoration Council (ARC). Dr. Bense asked for a motion. Mr. Birtman moved to rename Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park as Ruth B. Kirby Gilchrist Blue Springs State Park. Mr. Holladay seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **Item IX. Other Business**

Dr. Bense asked Dr. Liko to provide the commissioners with the upcoming meeting dates.

**Item X. Public Comment**

Dr. Bense recognized Mr. Mann, who discussed a letter he had written to Ms. Almy regarding two missing monument markers in Tallahassee. Dr. Parsons explained the authority that the Division and Department have in tracking the locations of such markers. Mr. Browning added that the Florida Department of Transportation stores monuments and markers that are displaced by road construction.

**Item XI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ Presiding Officer

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Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

