

**Florida Historical Commission**  
**500 South Bronough Street, Tallahassee, Florida, Room 307 R.A. Gray Building**  
**Friday, November 8, 2019 9:00 a.m. - Conclusion**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present In-Person:** Ms. Marion Almy; Mr. John Browning, Jr.; Mr. John Phelps; Dr. Clifford Smith.

**Commission Members Present Via Phone:** Dr. Judy Bense; Mr. Rick Gonzalez; Mr. Tim Holladay; Ms. Kathy Spurgeon.

**Commission Members Not Present:** Mr. Steve Birtman; Mr. Vincent Luisi.

**DOS Staff Members Present:** Dr. Angela Tomlinson, Assistant Director; Ms. Alissa Lotane, Chief, Bureau of Historic Preservation; Dr. Sarah Liko, Program Administrator; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Programs Supervisor; Mr. Timothy Knoepke, Grants Program Supervisor.

**Members of the Public Present In-Person:** Ms. Melissa Wyllie.

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

Chairman Almy called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 November 8, 2019, FHC business meeting agenda. Dr. Bense so moved. Ms. Spurgeon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item IV. Approval of Minutes from May 24, 2019, Meeting**

Ms. Almy asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the August 9, 2019 FHC business meeting. Dr. Smith so moved. Mr. Browning seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Item V. Chairman's Comments**

Ms. Almy thanked the commissioners and members of the public for coming. She asked that the commissioners work to help educate the legislators on the Special Category grants and their value to communities.

**Item VI. Director's Comments**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Director's Comments. Dr. Tomlinson thanked the commissioners for their time and effort. She then provided updates on the upcoming legislative session, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, Miami Circle improvements, and the Governor Martin House. Dr. Tomlinson concluded the Director's comments with several program highlights.

**Item VII. Committee Reports**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to the Bureau of Archaeological Research report. Dr. Tomlinson provided updates for each program area and the Bureau’s partnership with the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM).

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Tomlinson to give the Grants Program report. Dr. Tomlinson informed the commissioners that Secretary Lee had approved the list recommended to her by the FHC.

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

**Item VIII. Business Items**

Ms. Almy opened the floor to nominations for the Assistant Presiding Officer. Dr. Smith nominated Dr. Bense. Mr. Browning seconded the nomination. Mr. Phelps moved to cease nominations. Ms. Almy called for a vote and the motion to appoint Dr. Bense as the Assistant Presiding Officer passed unanimously.

Ms. Almy asked the commissioners their opinion on presenting the Mary Call Darby Collins Award to Dr. George at the Florida Anthropological Society meeting in May. The commissioners agreed it would be an appropriate venue.

**Item IX. Other Business**

Ms. Almy recognized Dr. Bense who briefly discussed Senate Bill 220 regarding abandoned African American cemeteries.

**Item X. Public Comment**

Ms. Almy recognized Ms. Wyllie who said she was pleased to hear the commissioners discussing ways to educate the legislators on grants for historic preservation.

**Item XI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

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

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Director, Division of Historical Resources

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