

**Seminole County Historical Commission Meeting Minutes
October 15, 2020**

Members Present – Carmen Bierman, Cecil Tucker, Kathryn Townsend, Desta Horner, Eunice Mann, Rosalie Cook, Donna Bundy, Bob Hughes, Paul Zuromski, Beverly Mason

Members Absent – Nathan Jordon, Caroline Van Den Berg, Imogene Yarborough, Joanne Schwarzmans, Ben Wheeler

Staff Present – Corey Warner, Bennett Lloyd, Michael Wirsing

Call to Order – Donna Bundy 3:15PM

Invocation/ Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome/Introductions – Donna Bundy

Public Comment – Edward Browder discussed the Balsley Mansion

Review and Approval of the September 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Desta Horner, Eunice Mann Second pass unanimously

Museum Monthly Report: Bennett Lloyd, Museum Coordinator

- Upcoming events
 - The Medical exhibit will run until October 31st.
 - Oct 29th-Oct 31st is haunted tours, 4 tours of 10 per night. As of now we only have two tour slots left open out of 120
 - The Haunted Tours will be taking place between October 29th and October 31st.
 - The security camera project is moving along, we are just waiting for a monitor and two security cameras to be installed.
 - The University of Florida donated many items that cover the Colonial and Territorial Periods that will be used in the Program Subcommittee's Exhibit.
 - The Sanford Seminole Art civilization has reached out to do a painting event at the museum. This will take place outdoors to allow for social distancing.

Society Report: Don Epps, Historical Society President

- The Historical Society now has 86 paying members
- The Traveling Exhibit Trailer should be fully operational within the next few weeks.
- The Historical Society has filed for some relief from the Cares Act as a nonprofit.

Other Society's Reports:

- Sanford Historical Society – The Sanford Museum is now open 9AM-5PM Tuesday through Saturday. The museum features a renovated research room with many exhibits.

Subcommittee Reports:

- Accession Subcommittee – Paul Zuromski, Donna Bundy, (check Sept Minutes)
 - Discuss the photos of the objects that have been given to you.
 - A motion was made by Kathryn Townsend stating that for the next six months Bennett is authorized to decide what is kept in donation. Desta Horner seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
- Programming Subcommittee – Rosalie Cook/Donna Bundy
 - The members of the Programming Subcommittee stated that they would be meeting soon.
- Historical Marker Subcommittee – Rosalie Cook/Bennett Lloyd
 - None

Old Business

- Wheeler Evans House Historical Marker Application Discussion
 - A motion was made by Desta Horner to approve the marker. This was seconded by Eunice Mann and it passed unanimously.

New Business

- Balsley Mansion Proposal in Paola
 - A lengthy discussion ensued about the pros and cons of the county taking over the Balsley Mansion.
 - It was said that this would be a difficult task to conquer, being that the Historical Commission is still fundraising for the Buggy Exhibit.
 - It was also pointed out that there are still many details that still need to be figured out.
 - Other members of the Historical Commission said it would be a shame to let this go.
 - After this was discussed and the Historical Commission sympathized with the property owner, the individual members of the Historical Commission would be giving Mr. Edward Browder, the property owner, other possible outlets for this project.

Adjourn – adjourn at 4:25PM

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