BREVARD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2021

Members Present
Jane Beach, District V
Roz Foster, District I
George Kistner, District IV - Chair
Martha Loss, District IV
Henry Parrish, District II
Jack Ratterman, District II – Co-Chair
Gregg Young, District V

Others Present
Michael Boonstra, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian II Genealogy and Archives
Tammy Moon, Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Library, Librarian I Genealogy and Archives
Bob Gross, Indian River Anthropological Society.

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 6:19 pm, by the Chair, Mr. Kistner.

Approval of Minutes
A motion was made by Ms. Loss, seconded by Ms. Beach, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Commission Meeting. ***Motion unanimously carried.***
A motion was made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Ms. Loss, to approve the agenda. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Public Comments
None.

Archivist Report
Michael introduced Bill Pittman, a citizen observing the meeting virtually. Michael reported on the replacement of Jeff Thompson by Wendi Bost as the Library System Director. The Air Force has sent a letter regarding identification and reclamation of any artifacts we may have in the Brevard County Historical Commission collection. We do not appear to have any. Michael will send an email stating such to the Air Force contact and if an official letter is required, will draft one for George Kistner to sign. Michael did an interview with channel 6 that he will forward to the board about the three black founders of Melbourne.
None.

New Business

No new nominees for Officers came forward. George agreed to continue to serve as Chairman, Jack Ratterman agreed to continue serving as Vice-Chair. A motion was made by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Parrish. ***Motion unanimously carried.***

Dr. Ben Brotemarkle reported virtually that the Brevard Museum of History and Natural Science management will be transferred to the City of Cocoa effective March 1, 2021. The city will take care of the staffing. Discussion followed regarding the Brevard County Historical Commission list of items on loan to the museum. It was decided those items will remain with the museum and it will be determined if they were on loan or just sent to the museum for conservation. Roz requested a letter of confirmation regarding the items on loan by the North Brevard Heritage Foundation by the City of Cocoa. Also requested was a letter confirming the Brevard County Historical Commission items location as well as a letter of deaccession for our files, if possible. Ben was lauded for all the hard work he has done in the past to keep the museum alive.

Old Business

Indian River Journal discussion was tabled until Molly Thomas is attending.

Ms. Foster reported virtually on Heritage Park. Field Manor is going to be changing their direction to increase profitability and sustainability as discussed at their last board meeting. There is a possibility of accommodating Heritage Park as well as addressing drainage issues. Priorities for the projects will be discussed at the next Field Manor board meeting in April. Roz will arrange to take Chuck Nelson to see the structures. A work team of volunteers was set up by Roz to shore up the structures, and decide which structures are past repair, in March for the weekend of the 20th. It was discussed what tools would be needed and logistics of the work day. Jack suggested Roz contact Larry Lawler of the Merritt Island Re-Development Agency to see if he would be interested in getting involved. Ben Brotemarkle suggested Roz show the developers and other interested parties the documentary that was filmed previously on Heritage Park.

Commissioners' Reports

Jane Beach reported the South Brevard Historical Society is losing the storage facility it currently has and is looking for a different location if anyone has any leads.

The next meeting will be held March 23, 2021 at Catherine Schweinsberg Rood Central Library, Second Floor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.