



Clay County Historic Preservation Board Meeting Minutes - August 11, 2015

Minutes for August meeting presented at October 13th meeting – No Quorum in September.

Present members: Jerry Casale, Julia Cramer, Marilyn Haddock, Gayward Hendry, Pat Mueller, Cynthia Stone, Angela Williamson, and staff liaison Carolyn Morgan.

Absent member: William Randall

Meeting called to order 9:07 AM.

Guests were Michael Zimny, LaDonna Hart and Vishi Garig.

The June minutes were distributed for review, after a few minor corrections were approved.

County Signs: St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church - Cramer met with Vishi Garig at Archives and need property owner's approval. Hendry and Garig discussed, and will investigate county signage in reference to procedure, size, colors, text, number of characters and cost.

State Markers: St. Margaret's Episcopal Church; Cramer - Bishop's assistant will help, should not be a problem. Camp Chowenwaw; Haddock noted per former member Cynthia Cheatwood - It has been approved by the State with a little tweaking, the information has been forwarded to the Camp Chow park director to continue working with the State.

Announcement: Cramer purchased a tree to be donated to National Forest in deceased member Don Christofoli's memory. It was discussed and approved, also in Don's honor, to place a Memorial Tree at the Historical Triangle - Hendry and Stone will handle.

Presentation: Michael Zimny, State Certified Government Local Coordinator, was introduced.

Mr. Zimny started by speaking about Local Historic Surveys which State Certified Local Government (CLG) is the keeper/custodian; he stated the County Preservation Board has an ordinance that can establish surveys' in the county's unincorporated areas with proper process, public hearings, zoning action, with P & Z board and commissioners; Local Surveys' gives properties protection and preservation. He suggested the board re-visit the county's property survey/districts on file, and begin with properties that are doable. Mr. Zimny said there will be some resistance by locals and incentives could help. Foreman Circle is currently the only designated Local Historic Survey/District in Clay County, Hill Top Heritage area.

Per Morgan, Local (Clay County) historic surveys could be established in townships with the incorporated cities working with inter-local county agreements; designations require zoning overlay based on facts and is a formal process. Per Casale, there are various restrictions, in addition to benefits.

Note – The National Register is a Federal program, as with the historic districts in Middleburg & Green Cove Springs; and does not offer protection as Local Districts/Surveys do. Main Street programs are mostly municipalities, incentives of local townships with assistance from Division of Historical Resources. ~~Continued Over~~

Mr. Zimny then spoke about available Grants.

~Federal Grants are for governments and only CLG's (Certified Local Government) can apply, they are without matching fund requirement, and Zimny strongly suggests networking with CLG's peers. Some items for use could be county survey updated, survey & planning, community education.

~State Grants are up to \$50,000.00 with match requirement, cash or in-kind services; government and non-profit owned can apply. Same uses as with Federal grants above, plus brick & mortar construction projects.

~There are also special category grants with match requirement, for local government and non-profits, \$50,000.00 - \$300,000.00 for large construction projects.

CCHPB activities suggested by Mr. Zimny:

- 1) Survey & Inventory historic properties
- 2) Regulatory, designation, protection and preservation of properties
- 3) Promote Awareness with Heritage Days, Education, State Markers

Mr. Zimny then presented a power point with handouts, and said in addition to the State of Florida website at dos.myflorida.com/historical, good sources of information can be found at www.nps.gov, www.napcommissions.org, www.floridatrust.org, www.flheritage.com.

Mr. Zimny concluded his presentation, commenting on the validity of the CCHPB members and offered appreciation for the invitation to attend and share information.

CCHPB members requested Carolyn Morgan to email the county ordinance that pertains to its board; Article 12, Section 7, and relative by-laws for review.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Haddock, Secretary