

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

February 10, 2025

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2025 at the Marion County Growth Services Building, 2710 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL 34471.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Cardinali.

Roll Call – Commission Members present included Dr. Richard Cardinali, Judy Delk, Courtland Richards, Becky Long and Cynthia Wilson-Graham. A quorum was established. Tom Schmitz was absent. Commissioner Matt McClain also in attendance.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll and Aysia King.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

The January 13, 2025 minutes were presented. Dr. Cardinali moved to approve the minutes as corrected, Mrs. Wilson-Graham seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report: Motion by Mrs. Long, seconded by Dr. Cardinali, to accept the financial report as presented. Again, to request of the Comptroller's office, line item descriptions of the expenditures on said financial reports, for the third time now. Dr. Cardinali reports the preliminary paperwork for the new budget is ready for County consideration.

Old Business:

Dr. Cardinali reports no further action taken by Jeremy, at the State, regarding the marker for the Emerson School.

Logo for the Marion County Historical Commission. Additional discussion of the sample patch provided by Mike at Bee Personal monogram shop to Cynthia Wilson-Graham. Mrs. Wilson-Graham wants to give them a second chance to make a more desirable logo representation. Courtland Richards moves we accept the logo version, and have the commission members decide. Seconded by Mrs. Long, and all were in favor.

Further discussion of the suggestion for a Newt Perry plaque. Mr. Richards to check with the director for plaques at the Marion Theater/Reilly Center. Mrs. Wilson-Graham moved, Mr. Richards seconded, and all were in favor of pursuing this matter. The director of the Reilly Theater is Natalie McComb, with supervision over the Marion Theater.

Mrs. Long reports three possible options for a location of the Roosevelt Village historic marker:

1. The church on the north end of the area, a Pentecostal church on the west side of 441.
2. The triangle next to the golf cart store, her preferred location.
3. The property next to Prestige Mobile Homes.

New Business:

Dr. Cardinali reports an issue with the elevator at the museum, which has been reported to Maintenance at the county.

Mr. Richards to check with Jennifer Clark regarding his status as a Historic Commission member. He also has been in communication with her regarding his invoice for video history work.

Historic Outreach: Mrs. Delk announced the upcoming Museum programs.

The Knap-In is upcoming at Silver River State Park 3/15-16/25, and Marion County Day is March 29, 2025. Also, the Pioneer Women program at Fort King on 3/7-8/25.

Mrs. Wilson-Graham brought examples of a new Driving Tour brochure, showing West Ocala's heritage trail, historic sites/buildings/churches. This full-color brochure is being distributed now and is a collaborative effort between Mrs. Wilson-Graham and Mrs. Pamela Stafford of HOPS. This describes the history of each point along the driving tour.

Donations to the Museum:

Donations were discussed, motion by Dr. Cardinali, seconded by Mrs. Long, and all were in favor of accepting the donations to loan back to the Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology, for research, and archival or display, as deemed necessary.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 03/10/25.

Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary


Signed, 
Dr. Richard Cardinali, President

Items for approval by the Marion County Historical Commission at their February 10, 2025.

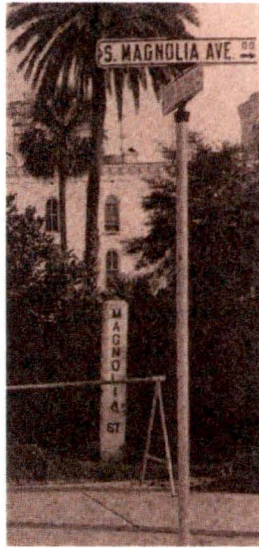
1. Hays collection, donation
 - i. 6 vintage postcards of Marion County
 - ii. 6 vintage photographs printed by Gleason's, Ocala. 1938-1944
 - iii. 1 vintage photograph printed by Silver Springs Film Service, 1942
 - iv. 12 vintage photos from the Shady community
2. Saxon collection, donation
 - i. Model of steam engine – boiler and flywheel (Model is about 7.5 inches long, 5.25 inches wide and about 4.25 inches high.)
3. Dupree collection, donation
 - i. Weirsdale Garden Club Cookbook, 1952 (This cookbook includes business ads from the area and names of contributors.)
 - ii. Lake Weir Band Parents Cookbook
4. Anonymous collection, donation
 - i. 88 stone points
5. Marion County Historical Association, Inc., donation
 - i. Bricks from old dining hall of the Florida Industrial School for Girls
 - ii. Clay tile from same building (Image shows an example of this type of tile from a catalog; this tile does not have any markings that show it was made by Natco. The tiles were usually used in fireproofing and were faced with bricks.)



NATCO BAKUP TILE
USED WITH VENEER
OF FACE BRICK

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6. Delk Collection, donation
 - i. Vintage concrete corner street corner sign of the type once used in Ocala until 1960s (Image is a detail from a newspaper clipping and shows an example of this type of sign next to one of the modern style signs for comparison of size. The photograph was taken in the square at the corner of Magnolia and Silver Springs Blvd. looking east. [The building in the

background is the Hotel Ocala which stood where the Hilton
is.])





Attendance

Title: Historical Commission

Date: February 10, 2025

Location: Growth Services

Time: 6:00 pm

Participant Name (PLEASE PRINT)	Physical Address
1 Aysia King	2109 SW 5 th Pl Ocala FL
2 Bill Nicoll	8985 E. HWY 25 Belleview FL.
3 Matt McClain	22 Walnut Trl Ocala FL 34480
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