

MARION COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes

November 13, 2024

The meeting of the Marion County Historical Commission was called to order by President Dr. Richard Cardinali at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 13, 2024 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.

GUESTS: Bill Nicoll.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

Minutes:

The October 14, 2024 minutes were presented. Cynthia Wilson-Graham moved, Courtland Richards seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected.

Financial Report: Motion by Judy Delk, seconded by Cynthia Wilson-Graham and all approved as presented. Dr. Cardinali and Mrs. Wilson-Graham met with Jennifer Clark regarding a request for financial reports with line by line itemizations of the commission's expenditures. The County Attorney was there as well, and the request will be forwarded to the Comptroller's office.

Old Business:

Video Project: Courtland Richards reports having spoken with Delee Perry to begin work on interview session Monday and Tuesday of next week. She has approximately 1,000 photos he will begin working on scanning and digitalizing those.

Cynthia Wilson-Graham and Dr. Cardinali met with Jennifer Clark to give her further details for the historic marker paperwork on the Emerson School.

Discussion of the logo for the Marion County Historical Commission: Mrs. Delk provided a copy of one of the originally proposed versions, but not the finally accepted version. Judy will look for another of the versions.

Becky Long will email Jennifer Clark to ask Commissioner Bryant to accompany her to Roosevelt Village for information regarding the proposed historic marker for there.

Mrs. Long also detailed her participation in the Florida State Elks organization's annual recognition and trip taking veterans from Tampa to Washington DC and back. She

described the Honor Guard and big send off from Tampa airport. The weekend long event included 30 Vietnam veterans and an 89-year-old Ocala woman who served in Korea as a corpsman at a MASH unit. This project is an annual Veterans Day event.

Mrs. Delk has been requested to get Jennifer to make new name signs for members.

Donation: Mrs. Delk reports the acquisition of a concrete street marker, pre-quadrant addresses days. This was in danger of being further damaged, and she and Mr. Nicoll succeeded in getting it transported to the museum, where the county will be requested to install it on the grounds of the museum. Approximately 50 inches tall, white with black lettering, it was originally located at the corner of Chestnut and Adams Streets. East-West streets were mostly named after Presidents, North-South streets mostly for trees. Adams St is now NE/NW Second St. Cynthia Wilson-Graham moved, Becky Long seconded, and all were in favor of accepting the donation for installation on the grounds of the museum.

Dr. Cardinali reports commissioner terms expiring are Mrs. Long and Mrs. Wilson-Graham.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Next meeting is 12/09/24.

Adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Judy Delk, Secretary

Judy Delk by Rebecca Long temporary Secretary

Signed, *Richard Cardinali*

Dr. Richard Cardinali, President