SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

February 16, 2006

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on February 16, 2006, at the Museum of Seminole County History located at 300 Bush Blvd. Sanford, Florida. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Linda Batman at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, David Miller, Phil Tua, Paul Zuromski, Commissioner Van Der Weide and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Fred Gaines, Robert Hughes, Cecil Tucker and Bonnie Ward

Announcements:

The January minutes were approved.

Ettie Jane Keogh announced that the Society will hold another Antique Fair at Cooperative Extension auditorium on Saturday February 18, 2006 from 10-3 p.m. This fund raiser is for the building fund for the museum.

A motion by Alex Dickison and seconded by John Bistline to re-elect Linda Batman as chairman was passed unanimously.

A motion by Linda Batman and seconded by Ettie Jane Keogh to reelect John Bistline as Vice-Chairman was passed unanimously.

Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- (to be placed at the restaurant)
Wagner- in progress (in progress)
Gabriella- waiting to be installed (until trail is completed)
Hospital: ordered
Midway: dedication on March 25, 2006 (Commissioner Carey)
Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: Ettie Jane Keogh
Bradlee-McIntyre House- Longwood- ordered
Bookertown: re-installed (due to damage)
Springs: re-installed (due to damage)

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Who owned the little store out on the Winter Springs curve? We need to contact Mr. Frank Wheeler as to who owned the store.

Commissioner Van Der Weide shared four different concepts for the Master Plan for five Points which includes the Museum. The Board of County Commissioners will be deciding in the near future on which concept plan they like. Which ever plan they decide will include at least 9 to 10 acres dedicated for a cultural area. This would include the Museum, Cooperative Extension, some art and a memorial park for slain officers and firemen.

Commissioner Van Der Weide favors the Judicial concept A.

Commissioner Van Der Weide indicated his goal is to set aside money for the project at this time. He does not want to come in short on the project.

Ryan Ruskey will be writing the application for the Cultural Affairs Grant in May. This would be for the new building. If we don't get the grant then we would have the money already in place.

Expansion for the Museum would be to the North and northeast.

Karen mentioned that the little red brick building was the second building here on the five points complex and we might want to consider saving that building.

Commissioner Van Der Weide wants a ball park figure for the expansion of new building as soon as possible. Increase the building from a 3,000 sq ft building to a 6,000 sq ft.

Suzy will be furnishing the Commissioner with a figure for re-micro filming and digitizing the Sanford Herald.

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New Building:

Karen passed out the list of suggestions for the new Educational and Multi-purpose building needs and encouraged comments and other suggestions before the March meeting.

The following questions were raised:

Where would the new donations be housed? Do we have a need for more storage space? A looped video is needed for the entrance way. Will we want to collect period clothing? We need to turn videos into CD's.

Commissioner Van Der Weide said consultants were already under contract with the county and they could come out and talk with staff, and the Historical Commissioners as to the needs for a **space study** for the museum etc. and this could possibly be added on to their contract.

The meeting for presentation is scheduled for February 28, 2006 in the afternoon concerning the plan.

Commissioner Van Der Weide also suggested oral histories.

Commissioner wants more exposure on the SGTV for the museum.

Commissioner Van Der Weide encouraged writing other Commissioners.

Society Report:

Alex reported that the next fund raiser was going to be held at the Cooperative Extension on Saturday February 18, 2006 at 10:00. This will be the second Antique Fair. Fund Raisers will continue to help raise money for the new building.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50.