SEMINOLE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

June 16, 2005

The regular monthly meeting of the Seminole County Historical Commission was held on June 16, 2005, 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 3:05 p.m.

Members Present: Linda Batman, John Bistline, Sandra Carroll, Alex Dickison, Don Epps, Lillian Griffin, Ettie Jane Keogh, Eunice Mann, David Miller, Phil Tua, Cecil Tucker, Commissioner Morris and Karen Jacobs from Library and Leisure Services.

Absent: Robert Hughes, Fred Gaines, Bonnie Ward and Paul Zuromski.

Announcements:

Linda announced Commissioner Carey could not attend but that Commissioner Morris would be attending. Linda extended the invitation for August. July will be Commissioner Henley. August will be Commissioner Van Der Weide.

The May minutes were approved.

Historical Markers:

Farmer's Market- July 21, 2005 10:00 a.m.(to be placed at the restaurant)
Wagner- John Bistline
Gabriella- waiting to be installed (until trail is completed)
Markham- waiting to be installed
Hospital marker: Paul will write the text for review.
Midway marker: will be discussed at the July meeting
Lake Mary Presbyterian Church: Ettie Jane to furnish information
Bradlee-McIntyre House- Longwood- will be discussed at next meeting

The vision and plans for the new Educational and Multi-Purpose building was presented to Commissioner Morris:

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Commissioner Morris comments, concerns and questions were as follows:

- Antique tractors/flywheels- would/could corporate sponsors help to refurbish the tractors ?
- Would we be telling more local professional African American history ?
- Explained a little about the 5 points study, how would that affect the museum. Discussion followed.
- The Museum will not be moved, it is a foundation.
- The special category grant application was approved.
- August is the county budget workshops, please contact other Commissioners and County Manager before that time frame. Linda will set up appointments with other Commissioners.
- The master plan for the museum has always included the same foot print for the amount of space within the museum complex. The two story building is a common way to achieve the educational vision of the museum.
- There is a need for a conference table and chairs, try and get this in your budget.
- Who is your new champion for the museum? Who will take this lead?
- The only request in the state appropriation budget was the Museum. State lobbyists did not get this request passed.
- Karen explained the Times Union project to Commissioner Morris
- A discussion ensued about cooperation with other societies/museum within Seminole County. Commissioner Morris was pleased to hear all those involved.

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Summer Programs: The museum received county confirmation and the summer programs will start next year.

Bits of History: Karen gave her bit of history about writing family history books and visiting her homeland of Sweden.

John Bistline will provide his bits of history for next month.

Historical Society: Alex gave a report about various fund raisers.

Museum Report: Karen passed out the statistic reports.

Volunteers to go to visit County Manager & Commissioners. Linda, John, Lillian, Don, Alex, Cecil,

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.