



HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

May 20, 2024 4:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 16 Colomba Road
DeBary, Florida 32713

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – Susan Preil, Chair called the meeting to order 4:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Susan Preil, Sherilyn Scott, Holly Giles, Tracy Mestre, Stuart Scott, Sarah Smith

Absent: Dianne Fossitt

Others: Shari Simmans, Director Economic Development

UCF Department History Guests: Scot A. French, Associate Professor/Director Public History –
UCF Students/Staff Carson Machmeier, Jesse Oldam, Katarina Monroe, Lily Asevedo

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – April 15, 2024 minutes – No changes. Tracy Mestre made a motion to approve minutes. Holly Giles 2nd. Motion approved unanimously. Minutes signed.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Planning/Oral History Project

Research Technical Interview Professional – Updates

Susan Preil – DeLand Historical Society – No update.

Stuart Scott – Stetson History Department – Sent email, no response.

Sheri Scott – Draft thank you letter – Tabled until UCF presentation.

Tracy Mestre – Orlando Regional History Museum – Director has left.

History Harvest/Story Time/RICHES

Scot A. French, Director Public History at UCF and students/staff explained the History Harvest and Story Time programs and how these programs could help collect and digitize local DeBary history.

UCF utilizes a tool/model called RICHES (Regional Initiative for Collecting History, Experiences, and Stories). The interface serves as an interactive digital collection of Florida's history and makes images, documents, podcasts, oral histories, films etc. throughout the state available through a searchable database.

UCF's History Department has completed History Harvests with Parramore, Oviedo Historical Society, Sanford Historical Society, New Smyrna Beach, etc.

History Harvest/Story Time/RICHES (continued)

HPAB unanimously agreed to partner with UCF to use the History Harvest/Story Time/RICHES programs to aid in conducting resident/business oral histories in DeBary.

DeBary History Harvest is scheduled for Monday, July 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the City of DeBary. Shari Simmans, reserved rooms for this event. Susan suggested refreshments.

Tracy Mestre and Sheri Scott will provide images via email for advertising flier to Jessie Oldham. Jessie@UCF.edu by June 1. Shari Simmans will forward city logo. UCF will create the flier.

Shari Simmans will email DeBary residents who responded to oral history project and collect necessary release forms.

Cost for this project will be minimal since conducted at City of DeBary and conducted as a UCF educational program for students.

NEW BUSINESS

Introducing HPAB (Newsletter/City Website etc.) - HPAB to draft and submit to city for future publication

Arcadia Book

Current Inventory

250 Anniversary – July 4, 2026

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No Public Participation

NEXT MEETING/WORKSHOP: June 17, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion made by Tracy Mestre to adjourn the meeting. Susan Preil 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

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CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

Susan Preil, Chairman

Sheri Scott, Secretary