



## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD**

August 19, 2024 4:30 p.m.

DeBary City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 16 Colomba Road

DeBary, Florida 32713

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### **AGENDA**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present:

Absent:

Others:

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Thank You Letters - #1 History Harvest Participants - #2 UCF Staff/Students

DeBary History Update – New Updates

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#1 Current Inventory

#2 Acadia Book

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **NEXT MEETING /WORKSHOP**

#### **ADJOURN**

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting or hearing he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based (FS 286.0105).

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## HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

July 15, 2024 4:30 p.m.

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### MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER:** Susan Preil, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Susan Preil, Sarah Smith, Sheri Scott, Stuart Scott, Holly Giles, Tracy Mestre, Dianne Fossitt

Absent: Don Neyer

Others: Shari Simmans

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** June 17, 2024 minutes – no changes. Stuart Scott made a motion to approve minutes. Tracy Mestre 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously. Minutes signed.

**OLD BUSINESS: *DeBary History Harvest Critique***

Stuart Scott – Impressive display of quality & quantity of artifacts & historical items made available to the public. Spoke with UCF staff & received a lot of positive feedback. Suggested we reach out to UCF for a follow-up meeting. Recognition/thank you for UCF Staff/Student participation. Great event to lay groundwork for future events.

Susan Preil – For future oral history interviews, if person brings artifacts, have them interviewed with their artifacts available to generate discussion. Follow-up with UCF in-person or zoom meeting. Available space in City of DeBary newsletter for history update on quarterly basis. Great event for laying groundwork for Acadia book. Future events, use other avenues beyond social media to market events, for instance flier distribution to local businesses. Future events, broaden audience to long-time DeBary residents & other residents that may be long-time, but still live local (Orange City, DeLand, etc.) Suggest a future visit to Enterprise Museum & West Volusia Historical Society. Thank you letters to UCF & thank you letters to oral history participants & those that brought in artifacts etc. Susan & Sheri will draft.

Sheri Scott – Thank you to Tracy for contacting UCF re: HPAB oral history project. Thank you to oral history participants & UCF students/staff. Great event for a future “DeBary History Day”. Several residents confused about “1993” date & thought they were not able to attend.

Sarah Smith – Great crowd for a 1<sup>st</sup> event. Encouraged by the turnout & media coverage (Channel 6, News Journal). For future events, reach out to people who use to live here. Knows of a long-time, local resident & she will reach out to his son to see if there is any interest in possible interview.

Holly Giles– Ron Muse's participation & display of artifacts/history generated a lot of excitement. Holly did not want to leave.

Tracy Mestre – Will reach out to UCF to determine if “letter of recognition” may be needed for the students who are working with the city on the projects, as it may be beneficial

for future academic studies. Will reach out to WVHS for HPAB future research on DeBary history for Acadia Book.

Dianne Fossitt – Awesome event & was thrilled to be able to attend.

Shari Simmans – UCF has high-resolution machines to scan & layer large documents (maps/pictures etc.) that were unable to be scanned at the event. Suggested a future field trip to UCF to bring more documents/pictures etc. to be scanned. A section of city quarterly newsletter will be available for HPAB updates/events. City email fixed & we can now communicate using “respond all”.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Thank You Letters - #1 History Harvest Participants - #2 UCF Staff/Students

#1 Current Inventory - Next project to research current inventory of historical documentation etc. stored at the city.

#2 Acadia Book – Current inventory project will aid in research & publication of future Acadia book. Tracy will reach out to WVHS for HPAB future research on DeBary history. Susan will contact Enterprise Museum for HPAB future research on DeBary history.

250 Anniversary – July 4, 2026

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No public participation.

**NEXT MEETING /WORKSHOP:** August 19, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Stuart Scott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sheri Scott 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF DEBARY, FLORIDA**

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**Susan Preil, Chair**

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**Sheri Scott, Secretary**

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## **Residents thank you:**

We cannot thank you enough for your participation in the City of DeBary's first History Harvest!

There was an impressive display of quality and quantity of artifacts of historical significance that were made available to the public. It was an exciting day and your contribution was invaluable to the preservation of our beautiful city's history.

We will provide additional information about the day as the University of Central Florida organizes the collection.

Please continue to scour your home, invite your family, inspire your friends and inquire with our local business in preparation of the next harvest....date to be determined.

## **University of Central Florida Thank you:**

We are writing to express our gratitude for your invaluable contribution and support our recent City of DeBary history project. Your team's expertise, and enthusiasm were instrumental in the success of this endeavor.

Your insights and meticulous research significantly enriched our understanding of the various historical techniques available for successful historical preservation for our City. Your willingness to share your knowledge and collaborate with our board was inspiring and greatly appreciated by all.

The history harvest project exceeded our expectations, and much of this success is due to your team's hard work and commitment. Your contributions have not only enhanced the quality of our project but have also left a lasting impact on our understanding of UCF's commitment to preserving the history of our sunshine state.

Once again, thank you for your exceptional efforts and for being such a vital part of this project. We look forward to continuing to collaborate with you on preserving DeBary's rich history.