

Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History
Corridor Management Entity

MINUTES

February 2, 2010, 9:00AM

Meeting held at the African American Cultural Society

I. Call to Order

Chairman John Siebel called the meeting to order and thanked the African American Cultural Society for hosting the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

II. Review of January 5, 2010 Minutes:

Chairman Siebel asked for any additions or corrections to the minutes. There were none and the minutes were accepted.

III. Host Presentation:

The members of the African American Society introduced everyone to the programs and work of the Society.

IV. Old Business:

1. Treasurers Report

Barb Kelly presented the treasurers report and reported that the fundraiser BBQ at the Black Cloud was a success. Chairman Siebel reported that the TDC funds for establishing the 501.C3 corporation should be forthcoming.

2. Grant Planning Strategy / Committee Report

A. NSB Grant

The committee reported that they had met and discussed the grant fund opportunities available through the National Scenic Byways (NSB). The committee reported that they recommended applying for a grant to build a Welcome/Orientation Center. The CME would partner with the Florida Agricultural Museum and the museum would donate the land for the building and parking lot. The land donation would hopefully satisfy the 20% local match requirement.

Bruce Piatek reviewed the draft grant proposal for the building and parking. He suggested that the building be built as a replica of a Flagler Era train depot since Flagler County and the Heritage Crossroads is about transportation. The building would give the CME a home and provide a gateway facility into Flagler County that is close to the large tourist market of St. Augustine.

Bill Ryan moved that the recommendation of the Grant Committee, to apply for a grant to build a welcome center/orientation building on the Museum's property be accepted. Mary Lou Clark seconded the motion. John Siebel discussed the FDOT weight station and that it was a dead issue at the moment. He said he supported the motion and that it was timely. The need to get letters of support for the grant applications was discussed as was the need to have a local government agree to

handle the grant funds as pass through dollars. The government must be LAPP certified. It was stated that Flagler County was LAPP certified and had experience with these grants. It was agreed that Flagler County would be approached to help.

B. Flagler County TDC Grant:

Chairman Siebel stated that the funding should be made available soon.

3. Corridor Itinerary Update:

The corridor itinerary document was reviewed and additions, changes etc. should be sent to PBS& J so the document can be finalized.

4. 501C.3 Application

The Committee reported that the only item needed for filing is the application fee, which the TDC has been asked to fund. Action is awaiting the funding for the application.

5. Finalize Election of Officers

Bruce Piatek stated that he would accept the position as secretary.

V. New Business:

1. Youth Education:

Gary reported on his meeting with the Principal of the high school. She suggested working with the Future Problem Solves group.

2. A1A Scenic Byway Report - there was none.

3. BBQ Fund Raiser

Barb Kelly reported that the event was fun and successful. There will be a bill for the food cost that will reduce the gross income.

4. Local/Upcoming Events:

A. The CME has been invited to make a presentation to the Flagler/Palm Coast Civic Association. It was agreed to make a presentation.

B. African American Cultural Society - Announced the "Black Heritage Day Festival", Feb. 27th at Daytona State College.

5. Website: - Bill Ryan reported on the website and discussed a new "book page" system for displaying pages.

VI. Adjourn - 10:15 AM