

**Heritage Crossroads: Miles of History Heritage Highway
Byway Organization Monthly Meeting
July 27, 2016 –3:00 p.m.
Location: Flagler County Government Services Building,
1769 E. Moody Blvd. Bldg 2, Bunnell, FL 32110**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order/Introduction of Attendees:** Nancy Duke (HC President), Susan Barry (HC Vice President), Mary Ann Clark (Flagler County Historical Society), Stanley Drescher, Dot Whelan (Palm Coast Resident), Larry Beaton (Putnam County Historical Society), Sisco Deen (Flagler Historical Society), Karen Ford (Atkins), Julie Murphy (Flagler County BOCC), Pam Garris (Flagler Beach Resident, Putnam County Historical Society).
- II. Guest Speaker Presentation: Sisco Deen (Flagler Historical Society):**
- a. Sisco Deen's Presentation on the Flagler Centennial Celebration- Sisco Deen, Vice Chair of then gave an overview of the Centennial festivities; they've really got a plan in place! Sisco gave Karen Ford his notes after he spoke, which are scanned and attached to these minutes.
 - b. Presentation Highlights: The celebration is a year-long affair with two or three major events co-sponsored by the County. Community organizations are asked to tie in their normal yearly events with the centennial. The main event day will be held on April 29, 2017 at the Flagler County Government Services Bldg. (GSB in Sisco's notes).
 1. The Centennial logo was designed by Julie Murphy and will be made available to organizations to use throughout the year. A Centennial Celebration Facebook will soon be created with historic photos posted daily.
 2. The County provided a \$25,000 budget for the year-long festivities. Early 1900s automobiles will be on display at some of the events. Larry Beaton suggested contacting the East-Coast Railroad to use one of their early 1900s rail cars.
 3. Many of the events and vignettes (brief reenactments of important moments in Flagler history) tie in with HC from the historical and educational perspectives.
 - c. Mr. Deen encouraged HC to keep in touch with any ideas or how they would like to be involved. Mary Ann Clark suggested that HC hold a walk/bike event utilizing the routes in the Historic Walking Tour of Bunnell brochure. Nancy Duke suggested an event be held at the Daytona State College campus, possibly an Author's Day where local authors of Flagler history speak at the school. Nancy also suggested reaching out to the Polish and African American communities for involvement in the vignettes and historical/cultural items.
- III. Administrative Actions:**

- a. Stan Drescher suggested that Sandy add “Respectfully submitted by Sandy Reffitt” to the end of the minutes and the group agreed. Nancy Duke introduced the meeting minutes from June. Stan Drescher made a motion to approve; Susan Barry second. June minutes approved. Approved minutes will be added to web site.
- b. Treasurer’s Report- Susan Barry read the bank balance of \$1,678.35, including a check that was deposited at the bank today.

IV. Project Updates:

- a. **Bunnell Crossroads:** Karen Ford reported that the City of Bunnell Staff, John Seibel, and Mike Palozzi met in July to discuss the status of the City’s FDEP Recreational grant. They discussed what types of activities work best based on the size/location of the property. The City committed to prepare a CADD drawing of the site layout to be presented to the FDEP for conceptual design approval.
- b. **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for “Don’t Steal the Bricks” sign:** Nancy Duke reported that the sign has been installed and that the ribbon cutting ceremony will be scheduled some time in the fall (cooler weather.)
- c. **Youth Awareness- Essay Contest:** Nancy Duke reported that she will discuss the contest with teachers once schools are in session in August.
- d. **Byway Brochure Update:** No additional comments. The rack card was finalized. Mary Ann Clark reported that the Flagler Historical Society (FHS) distributes the two-sided HC byway itinerary primarily, and Nancy Duke provided additional copies for the FHS to use.

V. Organizational Sustainability:

2016 Meeting Schedule: Will be determined in August. The group will meet at 3 p.m. in August. The Board will make sure to include Mary Ann Clark on all changes to the meeting times and locations so she can send the correct information to the news outlets.

VI. Creekside Festival 2016 Planning:

Event planning is underway. Contracts (distributed by the Flagler County Chamber of Commerce) for the reenactors have been distributed. This year the kitchen will need to be covered by HC. Susan Barry is seeking additional volunteers to work in the kitchen for set up, cooking, cleaning, and break-down on Sunday afternoon.

VII. Partner Updates

- a. **Flagler Historical Society:** Mary Ann Clark reported that a two-week karate summer camp recently spent time at the FHS. The building was tented for termites and sustained damage to the chimney. It is currently being fixed.
- b. **Florida Agricultural Museum:** No news to report. Awaiting appointment of new director.

- c. **Friends of Tomoka Basin State Park:** Nancy Duke reported that the group will meet in August to plan the candlelight walk through Bulow Plantation Ruins on October 28th (last Friday in October.). The group is asking for folks to donate milk jugs to hold the candles.

VIII. Florida Scenic Highways Program Update

Karen Ford reported that the new Florida Scenic Highway Program guidance is available through the Florida Department of Transportation's Scenic Highways Program office. As part of the new annual reporting requirements, the group will be required to prepare a work plan that reflects their plans for the upcoming calendar year. Susan Barry presented a draft template to the group that had been recently developed for a partner byway in Central Florida. Karen also reported that the FSHP is holding a byway photography contest. The theme current is "natural beauty". Winners receive an annual pass to Florida State Parks and inclusion in the 2017 FSHP Calendar.

IX. Adjourn: 4.00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Sandy Reffitt

FLAGLER COUNTY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION UPDATE

Heritage Crossroads Meeting

July 27, 2016

In late 2015, the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners established a Centennial Committee consisting of:

MEMBERS:

Sisco Deen, Flagler County Historical Society
Art Dyke, Palm Coast Historical Society
Virginia Giaramita, Flagler Beach Historical Society and
Carl Laundrie, former Flagler County Public Information Officer

COUNTY STAFF:

Holly Albanese, Director of Flagler County Libraries
Julie Murphy, Flagler County Public Information Officer
Jason Wheeler, Flagler County School Board

At our first meeting on 04 Jan 2016, Carl Laundrie was elected Chairman of this committee and I was elected as co-chair

In addition to the above members, the following individuals are now member of the Centennial Committee:

Robbie Creal
John Dalton
Cindy Dalecki
Linda Jarosz
Thea Mathen
Elaine Studnicki

The celebration, as now planned, will be a year-long affair with two or three major events sponsored by the county with community organizations asked to tie in their normal yearly events with the centennial.

Our BIG event will be a day-long celebration at our Court House/Public Service Building Complex on Saturday, 29 Apr 2017. We plan to have both our current commissioners and current school board members to re-enact their first meetings – we have the minutes which are not very exciting so we will have to ab-lib a bit to make it interesting

Accomplishment of our committee to date is as follows:

Centennial Logo: Julie Murphy designed our centennial logo which will be used extensively throughout the year – We are already using it on mail-outs and committee and county commissioner and staff centennial polo shirts. It will also be made available to community organizations such as Heritage Crossroads for their use throughout the year.

School Board: We have met with the School Board and have permission to use the School Board's portion of the GSB on April 29, 2017.

Musical Entertainment: We have approval from school admin to work with the various schools to provide two high school marching bands, two steel drum bands, Middle school bands and choral groups from the high school middle school and elementary schools for entertainment on April 29 at the GSB

Cycle Flagler: Agreement has been reached with the Flagler Beach Rotary Club (Kim Carney, Cindy Dalecki) for coordination of a century bike ride, and 40 mile bike ride as part of the centennial celebration on April 29 and April 30. 40 mile bike ride will start in front of the GSB on April 29 at 8 a.m. with registrations beginning at the GSB at 7 a.m. Century bike ride will start on April 30 from the Flagler County Airport.

Fireworks: We have met with Santore Fireworks representative Gary Delia and David Ayres and have a framework agreement to be drawn up for approval in January of 2017 for additional fireworks on July 4, 2017 in Flagler Beach to include fireworks coordinated to broadcast music on the radio and the figure 100 to be launched in the air at the conclusion of the show.

Food Trucks: We met with the City of Palm Coast PIO and were provided the list of food trucks (email and phone numbers) used for Food Truck. The committee is drafting an agreement for food trucks and working with volunteer Linda Jarosz to secure five food trucks for April 29 celebration. Palm Coast also will include committee's events on their city listings.

Paddle Flagler: Arrangements have been made for two planned "paddle Flagler County" events. We have a liability agreement drafted by county legal for participants. Agreements from City of Palm Coast - Bill Butler- and Flagler County Attorney - Al Hadeed - to provide historical back ground on the city and county parks for the Longs Landing to Bings Landing paddle. Still need to make arrangements for bus shuttle and lunch offer for Longs Landing to Bings Landing and the Russell Landing to Bull Creek paddle.

Vignettes: We have completed two months of vignettes for reading at the County Commission meetings in 2017 and will have all 12 months complete in the not too distant future.

A typical vignette:

02 Jul 1917 – at the celebration of the formation of Flagler County - *“I feel that Flagler County will eventually rank among the best in the State, and I feel so positive of this that I have purchased a forty acre tract of land here, that I will immediately put under cultivation by planting it to Irish potatoes this coming season.”* – Governor Sidney Johnston Catts

Website: We will have a centennial website which we plan to go active in November of this year. It will contain a calendar of events plus historical information about the county.

I have brought a binder with me today containing some of the historic information we might put on the site should you care to review same.

Facebook Page: We will have a facebook page with daily postings of historical photographs with captions and other historical information throughout 2017. Current activates will also be included.

Cindy Dalecki will be the administrator; the Flagler County Historical Society will be providing the historical info and photos

5K Fun Run/Walk: We are currently in discussion with Florida Hospital Flagler to use a fun run/walk on the campus of the Government Center as a fund raiser for breast cancer research or similar cause.

Cheer At The Pier 2017: Agreement has been made with Flagler Beach Museum's fundraising event at the Flagler Beach Pier to be dedicated to the County Centennial. Committee is seeking historical re-enactors to accent event

Sand Sculpture: We are working on some sort of Centennial Sand Sculpture contest to be done on July 4 in Veteran's park.

Flagler Reads and other support: The Friends of the Library agreed to dedicate 2017 Flagler Reads Together as part of the centennial celebration. The friends have also agreed to hire Dianne Jacoby a historical re-enactor who portrays the three wives of Henry Flagler for the entertainment portion of the Centennial Celebration in County Chambers on April 29.

We are currently working to obtain the services of John Staley of St. Augustine, who portrays Henry Flagler, to appear at this same venue.

Photo Contest: Thea Mathen and Ann Deluca (with the Flagler County Art League) are working on the arrangements for the Flagler County Photo Contest. There will be an open division and a student's division with cash prizes for first, second and third of Flagler County scenes. There is also an award for crowd favorite photo of Flagler County.

Geo Caching: The sites for 12 geo cache site have been submitted to our committee and reviewed for possible conflicts with existing geo sites and approved. The list is complete and work is begun on providing information at a brochure for the event.

Statewide Attention: Ben Brotemarkle producer and host of the Florida Frontiers radio program and a member of the Florida Historical Society agreed to host some programs for us to be broadcast on his NPR weekly radio show and PBS TV series. I met with him last Friday (22 Jul) and he has agreed in concept. The committee will have to come up with people to interview and background information

High School Students: Debbie Ellis, high school instructor who is working with history students who need community service hours for their resume's requested to work with the committee to make presentation to the elementary schools and any other work the committee needs.

Dignitaries agreeing to come thus far: Governor Rick Scott was approached by Commissioner Nate McLaughlin and he gave verbal consent to attending our Centennial event. Nate also gave him a Centennial Shirt.

I have spoken with secretary of State Ken Detzner who also agreed verbally to attend the Centennial Event. He also agreed to provide his department's assistance in our centennial event.

Follow-up letters of invitation will be sent out. Both will be asked to speak which follows the same patter as the 1917 inaugural event.

Time Capsule: We have a time capsule which is a stainless steel cylinder about 4 inches wide and 24 inches deep. We will be requesting items for placement in the capsule from our various government entities but do not know at this writing as to what format we will use.

Since the capsule is designed to be opened in 3017, we will suggest that current elected governments send a letter to the government leaders of 3017 discussing the challenges in this century for the leaders of the next century.

AS TO WHAT HERITAGE CROSSROADS can do to assist us with the 100th Celebration of the Establishment of Flagler County, I leave that up to you

Tuesday
We meet every ~~Wednesday~~ *Tuesday* at 1:30 in the Government Service Building – We welcome your attendance and suggestions