

**Florida Historical Marker Council Meeting
R. A. Gray Building, Room 404
Tallahassee, Florida
February 21, 2018**

Meeting Minutes

Council Members Present: Dr. Barbara E. Mattick

Council Members Present via Teleconference: Dr. K. Stephen Prince, Mr. Rudy J. Westerman

Division of Historical Resources Staff Present: Mr. Michael Hart, State Marker Program Coordinator; Mr. Andrew Waber, Historic Preservationist; Ms. Susanne Hunt, Outreach Program Supervisor; Mr. Drew Begley, Grants Specialist; Dr. Timothy Parsons, State Historic Preservation Officer

Members of the Public Present: Ms. Delores Harpool, Ms. Beth McGrotha, Ms. Betty Pittman

Present via Teleconference: Mr. Robert Bowden, Mr. Eric Burkes, Mr. Randy Clark, Mr. Craig Hughes, Ms. Murray Laurie, Ms. Kathleen Pagan

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Barbara E. Mattick at 1:05 p.m.

II. Introduction of Council, Staff & Guests

Council members, staff and guests were introduced.

III. Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Hart mentioned that the title of *Diana Nyad- Marathon Swimmer* marker application had changed to *Diana Nyad- Dreamer, Doer, Inspiration*. Mr. Hart mentioned that Item L *Merry Pier- Eighth Avenue* was not ready for review and should be removed from the agenda.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2017, Meeting.

Mr. Westerman moved to approve the minutes from February 21, 2018. Dr. Prince seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

V. Staff Announcements

Mr. Hart mentioned that the Division of Historical Resources was in the process of reviewing the Rule that governs how the Florida Historical Marker Program functions. Mr. Hart invited the council members to provide feedback on the revision.

VI. Review of Marker Applications

A. Marathon Swimmer Diana Nyad, Fort Lauderdale, Broward County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and discussed modifications to the marker text. Dr. Mattick proposed adding "*Marathon Swimmer*" back to the title of the marker. Dr. Prince recommended the removal of "*Doer, Dreamer, Inspiration*" from the title due to its poetic nature, and the rest of the council agreed.

Dr. Prince made a motion to change the title of the marker, and Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted. Mr. Westerman called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Dr. Prince seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

B. St. Johns Historic Cemetery, Pensacola, Escambia County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and discussed modifications to the marker text.

Mr. Westerman called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Dr. Prince seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

C. Richloam General Store and Post Office, Webster Hernando County

Mr. Eric Burkes was present via webinar to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representative discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

D. Frank and Stella Heiser House, Fellsmere, Indian River County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and discussed modifications to the marker text. The council proposed changing the title to "*Frank Heiser, Fellsmere Entrepreneur.*"

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

E. Harper House, Montverde, Lake County

Ms. Murray Laurie and Ms. Kathleen Pagan were present via webinar to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representatives discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

F. Antonio Proctor, George Proctor, John Proctor, Tallahassee, Leon County

Ms. Beth McGrotha was present in person to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representative discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

G. Site of the Pittman Board House, Tallahassee, Leon County

Ms. Deloris Harpool and Ms. Betty Pittman were present in person to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representatives discussed modifications to the marker text. Dr. Mattick proposed changing the title of the second side to "*Willie and Carrie Pittman.*" The rest of the Council agreed.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

H. American National Thrift Association, Ocala, Marion County

Mr. Craig Hughes was present via webinar to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representative discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

I. Barbara Baer Capitman- Historic Preservationist, Miami Beach, Miami-Dade County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and staff discussed modifications to the marker text.

Mr. Westerman called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text and title as suggested by the Council. Dr. Prince seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

J. Little Haiti's Caribbean Marketplace, Miami, Miami-Dade County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and staff discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

K. The Leu House Museum, Orlando, Orange County

Mr. Robert Bowden was present via webinar to represent the marker application. Council members, staff and the marker's representative discussed modifications to the marker text.

Dr. Prince called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text as

suggested by the Council. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

L. Merry Pier- Eighth Avenue, St. Pete Beach, Pinellas County

This application was removed from the current agenda.

M. The Douglass Center, Live Oak, Suwannee County

There were no representatives present to represent the marker application. Council members and staff discussed modifications to the marker text.

Mr. Westerman called for a motion to approve the marker application as a Florida Heritage Site with modifications to the marker text and title as suggested by the Council. Dr. Prince seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted.

VII. Other Business

The meeting for the next application cycle was scheduled for April 18, 2018.

Mr. Hart brought up an issue regarding an inaccuracy in the text for the "*Espiritu Santo Springs*" marker in Safety Harbor, and asked the council for feedback in addressing the issue. Dr. Prince suggested reaching out to the applicant and encouraging them to apply for a new marker. Mr. Westerman suggested that a new marker could include more information on the spa and sanatorium. Mr. Hart said that he would contact the applicant.

VIII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

IX. Motion to Adjourn

Dr. Prince made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Westerman seconded. The motion was unanimously adopted. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. Staff thanked members of the Council for their service on the Historical Marker Council.

Presiding Officer

_____ State Historic Preservation Officer, and
Director, Division of Historical Resources

Approved: _____