

**Seminole County  
Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
September 21, 2023**

**Members Present:** Deborah Bauer, Donna Bundy, Carmen Bierman, Eunice Mann, Beverly Mason, Marjorie Smith, Paul Zuromski, Desta Horner

**Members Absent:** Kim Carroll, Rosalie Cook, Kathryn Townsend, Bob Hughes

**Guest:**

Don Epps, Seminole County Historical Society

**Staff Present:**

Farenda Brown-Administrative Assistant

Bennett Lloyd- Museum Coordinator

Michael Wirsing- Leisure Services Deputy Director

**Location:**

UF/IFAS Seminole County Polycom Room

250 West County Home Rd

Sanford, FL 32773

On Thursday, 9/21/2023 Chairperson Donna Bundy called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. There was a quorum in attendance.

**Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation, Welcome and Introductions**

Don Epps opened the meeting by asking members to stand for The Pledge of Allegiance and leading the group into invocation.

**Public Comment and Introductions**

No one for public comment

**Approval of Minutes:**

Mrs. Bundy asked if there were any questions or corrections regarding the minutes for the 8/17/2023 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve with no corrections. Donna Bundy made the motion that was passed unanimously.

**Society Report:** Don Epps, Seminole County Historical Society President

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- Night of the Mystic Art 10/13/23. Concert, activities at Lake Concord Park
- Quarterly meeting with Richard Cronin 33 people in attendance on 8/24/23.
- Palm card-gives history of Society/Museum
- Voted to join Chamber of Commerce
- Haunted Tours is Saturday, 10/28/23 5:30pm-9:00pm. Volunteers needed. This will now be an event that is run by the Historical Society.

**Museum Monthly Report:** Bennett Lloyd, Museum Coordinator

- Bennett attended a Florida Association of Museums conference and just got back, so no formal Museum Report was provided.
- An aggregate August and September report will be provided at the October meeting.
- Bennett attended a seminar about “AI” software and how it could be used for updating museum records and exhibits as well as help with, language/sign language translations.
- AI hallucinations: topic was discussed by the group and the possible dangers if not careful as it relates to exhibits.
- Exhibits-small spaces on budget
- Haunted tours-will be working with the Historical Society on this as it will no longer be a Historical Commission program.

**Commission Report-**Michael Wirsing, Leisure Services Deputy Director

- BCC is going to be increasing Bennett’s budget to allow for more resources.
- Building 302 Update: 90% of building cleared out. Met with a firm that specializes in engineering and design/renovations for Bldg. 302. Hoping to get a contract in place in the next month so we can begin the process. Would like to get all assessments done to be ready for December BCC meeting update.

**Subcommittee Reports:**

No subcommittees met this month.

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**Updates:**

- Bennett has a trunk that he wants to ship to a Museum in Wisconsin, since it does not fit with our Seminole County history.
- Discussed how Collections Management Plan is part of the Historical Collections and Management Plan. Discussed process for deaccessioning items and should we give them back to family members. Deborah Bauer suggested that we not give back items that were donated, because of legalities. The committee then discussed what we do with items that are not longer needed and rather than dispose of them do we offer to return them to the family. Bennett is going to reach out to the CAO to get a formal opinion from them on legality of this situation and would report back.

**New Business:** None

**Old Business:** None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:53PM.