

## Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)

Minutes November 8, 2023

Meeting held at Centennial Park in Port Charlotte

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Not Present</b>
Valerie Colbert	Theresa Murtha	
Dianne Munson	Valerie Colbert	
Theresa Murtha	Clare Riggs	
Clare Riggs	Pat Spence	
Pat Spence	Dianne Munson	
Stephen Valdes	Stephen Valdes	

**BOCC Liaison:** Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

### **Libraries & History Staff**

Jennifer Zobelein, Joe Guerzo

### **Public Attendees**

None

### **Roll Call**

Dianne calls for roll call: All are present.

### **Approval of October Minutes**

- Theresa calls to approve minutes, Valerie seconds it. They are approved.

### **Update on Historical Markers**

- Jennifer says they have all been ordered except Hotel Punta Gorda. She contacted the City of Punta Gorda and is awaiting a call back.

- Theresa wants to intervene and will try to contact them. She says Kelly Gaylord of the Mural Society is working to get an Interpretive Sign put in.
- The 3 markers are Howard Homestead, Hickory Bluff Pioneers and Bailey Cemetery. There will be a 6-9 month wait on delivery. New Point Comfort marker has been ordered also. It will be placed on New Point Comfort Road.
- There will be a re-dedication for the replacement markers.

### **The Bunkhouse**

- Jennifer says that Parks has assigned a Projects Manager for the assessment of the Bunkhouse.
- Commissioner Deutsch says that in the past, the challenge is the justification of the cost of restoration.

### **The Cookie House**

- Jennifer says the window at the Cookie House is being replaced.

### **Punta Gorda Hotel Marker**

- Theresa asks what kind of cooperation is needed from the city. Jennifer says we need them to approve it. She also asks if it needs to be paid for. Jennifer says the old one may have been paid for jointly.
- Commissioner Deutsch suggests sending an e-mail, so it is documented.
- Theresa will contact Sarah at the city. She would also like a marker on Marion Avenue. Jennifer goes over options to work on that (i.e., sponsorship).

### **Member Input**

- Stephen says the new tank will be dedicated at Punta Gorda American Legion tomorrow, Thursday, November 9. Commissioner Deutsch asks if he's sure about the date. Stephen says no, it might be on the 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Commissioner Deutsch says the Veterans Day parade will be on Saturday November 11 starting at the Port Charlotte Beach Complex.
- Theresa announces the Southern Supper will be on Saturday, February 3.
- Jennifer mentions that all 2024 HAC meeting will be at Centennial Park.

### **Meeting adjourns**

- **Next meeting is on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9am at Centennial Park**