

**MINUTES
CITY OF ORMOND BEACH
QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

August 2, 2012

6:00 PM

**City of Ormond Beach
Training Room
22 South Beach Street
Ormond Beach, Florida**

1) Call to Order

Dr. Shapiro called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present were: Debbie Berner, Janet Dannehower, William Masters, Troy Railsback, and Dr. Philip Shapiro. Excused were: Dr. Daniel Drake, Marianne DiFiore, Betty Smith and Dr. Gerald Woodard.

Others present were: Leisure Services Director Robert Carolin and Recording Secretary Shá Moss.

2) Approval of Minutes - May 21, 2012

Corrections: Dr. Shapiro stated the word doubt on page 6 should be changed to doubted.

Ms. Berner moved seconded by Mr. Railsback to accept the minutes of the May 21, 2012 meeting, as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Discussion Items

a. Black Heritage Trail

Lori Partington, stated she is the wife of Commissioner Bill Partington and a professor of English at Bethune Cookman University (B-CU) for the past 8 years. One of the things she discusses with the students at B-CU is the legacy and history of African Americans. She spoke with one of her colleagues, Carolyn Parker, who is also a native of Ormond Beach about the community involvement regarding the history of Ormond Beach. Mrs. Partington stated there was a lot of history throughout the City of Ormond Beach and wanted to see about preserving it for future generations

through a digital archive. She wanted to start the focus on Liberia and Sudan, especially with the I Am Ormond group getting the recent signage.

Mrs. Partington stated they are in the process of gathering information and would then have it placed on a website and/or create a heritage trail. The hope is to partner with B-CU and work with the students through a service learning project. She stated she was familiar with Harry Burney and Mary Fears and could possibly get them to work on a video to be distributed to local schools and other organizations. The work would be done by volunteers, students and others such as Dr. Willis Walker. She asked if the Board knew of anyone that she should speak with for historic information to please let her know.

The Board suggested she speak with Geneva Jackson, Joe Daniels, ElWillie Daniels, and Suzanne Heddy.

Dr. Shapiro stated he approved of the project and noted most people don't know the story of Central Ormond, including how it was settled. He was happy about the signage recently added.

Mrs. Partington stated the PACE Center would be a good placement for signage and/or information.

Dr. Shapiro stated the Board mentioned the idea of information being placed at the PACE Center as well, and get it designated at the local level. He stated it was better for people to get direct information instead of tales from living descendants instead of via folklore.

Mrs. Partington stated she would work with anyone that was willing to volunteer their time to make this project work.

Dr. Shapiro stated the Halifax Historical Society has a lot of information; wherein Mrs. Partington agreed and noted she has visited there.

Mr. Masters moved, seconded by Ms. Berner that the Quality of Life Advisory Board endorses the concept to create a digital archive along with appropriate contacts for media support. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Masters stated it would be good to have some media personnel working along with the project during the process instead of waiting until after the project is done.

Mr. Railsback stated Tim Stockman with Blue Dog Production was also someone to contact, and he used to be a reporter.

Ms. Berner named Claire Metz, Shannon Fitzpatrick and Jerry Dodie also

as some media personnel to contact.

Dr. Shapiro asked whether any other communities had this type of project.

Mrs. Partington stated Daytona Beach has a Heritage Trail, but it focused mainly on structures, but not the story behind the structure. She stated a reenactment of stories was a good idea as well. She noted the project should start mid-September.

Ms. Dannehower stated Seabreeze High School students have worked on a similar project interviewing veterans, and this would be a good source to use the students and they could be credited for volunteer hours.

Mrs. Partington thanked the Board for their input and endorsement.

4) Member Comments

Mr. Carolin stated there were FRDAP grant applications to be presented at the next meeting.

5) Adjournment - Next Meeting - September 6, 2012

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shá Moss, Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

Dr. Philip J. Shapiro, Chairman