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**APRIL 12, 2021**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD**  
**MINUTES**  
**4:00 PM**  
**2401 SE MONTEREY ROAD, Commission Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Acting-Chair .....	Niki Norton
Members .....	Douette Pryce
	Evan Anderson
	Rodney Johnson
	Sherry Lee
	Joette Lorion Rice
	Linda Geary

**ABSENT**

**STAFF PRESENT**

Senior Project Manager / HPB Liaison .....	Jordan Pastorius
Senior Assistant County Attorney .....	Krista Storey
Staff.....	Teresa Wortman

\* Indicates a motion

\*\* Indicates a vote

\*\*\* For the record comment

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Approval of Minutes: March 8, 2021**

**MOTION**

\*Joette Lorion Rice moved approval of minutes.

\*\*Douette Pryce seconded the motion. Motion pass unanimously.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – none**

**4. PRESENTATIONS - none**

**5. OLD BUSINESS –**

**A. 2021 HISTORICAL PRESERVATIONISH OF THE YEAR**

The Board voted to nominate Rick and Donna Crary as 2021 Preservationist of the Year.

Niki Norton will pick out the award. The location will be at the Elliott Museum. We need to research refreshment opportunities, the capacity at the Elliott and determine if RSVP is necessary. Continue to encourage mask-wearing. Additionally, speakers for the event need to be selected. Robert Steele, CEO of the Historical Society of Martin County, is one. Linda Geary will reach out to Mr. Steele to find potential speakers. Niki Norton will MC.

**MOTION**

\* Evan Anderson moved to approve.

\*\*Douette Pryce seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**B. MAY HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH DISCUSSION AND PREPARATION**

Jordan Pastorius presented 2021 Schedule of Events.

**C. STAFF UPDATE**

Architectural and archaeological surveys are outdated, and updated surveys are needed.

**MOTION**

\*Joette Lorion Rice moved to support the \$50,000 budget request to conduct historical surveys as needed.

\*\* Sherry Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**6. COMMENTS****A. Public:** None**B. Members:**

Douette Pryce mentioned on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 1865 was Florida Emancipation Day

Evan Anderson spoke about reciprocity with the interlocal agreement. Discussed incentives for historic designation, by offering a tax benefit to keeping historical structures intact. Old houses are being demolished, giving incentives may help to preserve historical designations. Currently, there is no incentive not to destroy these historical sites and build new homes.

Krista Storey mentioned a county ordinance might be a better mechanism.

Joette Lorion Rice mentioned the Port Salerno School, built-in circa 1930. She and Julie Preast found an article in the Stuart Newspaper dated February 9, 1934, which featured a story stating the 'Negro School' and dedication on February 22. They continue their research to find out who constructed the design that looks like a Rosenwald design. There is a discrepancy with the name. In documents, it is often called the New Monrovia One-Room Schoolhouse. However, the students refer to this historical designation as 'Salerno Colored School'; it is their preference for it to be named Salerno Colored School. The original building was built in the depression era. Recommend changing the name officially to Salerno Colored School. Jordan/Krista will investigate the process of the name change. Inscribed on the plaque it reads 'Salerno Colored School'.

**C. Staff**

- a. Parks and Recreation is looking into restoring the Log Cabin
- b. Looking to re-open events barring no issues July 1, 2021.
  - i. Digitization workshops
  - ii. Paint and Sip
  - iii. 360 Picture tour on county owned sites
  - iv. Facility usages (one room schoolhouse)
- c. Communications department is looking to do more social media posts for our historic sites

ADJOURN: 4:57 pm

Recorded and Prepared by:

  
Teresa Wortman, Commission Aide

06.15.21  
Date

  
~~Nicole Norton, Chair~~

06-15-2021  
Date

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