Annual Accomplishments Report & Work Plan FY2020-2021

Board/Committee Name: Alachua County Historical Commission

Chair 2019-2020: Pat Moore /Karen Kirkman 2020-2021Chair: Karen Kirkman

Staff Support: Kathleen Pagan, Senior Planner Growth Management, 352-374-5249

Recommendation: Accept Annual Work Plan (and report on previous 2 years)

Mission: "To promote, preserve and protect Alachua County's historic resources."

Major Accomplishments FY 2018-2019 & FY2019-2020

- Ongoing Virtual Cemeteries/ work on documenting cemeteries; Includes coordinating with State staff (FPAN); Keep Alachua County Beautiful, others. (See report submitted separately)
- State Historic Markers- Several completed by community groups and work underway by ACHC on several more. Two (William Henry Traxler; Bellamy Road/ Spring Hill Methodist Church) were submitted to State Sept. 2020 by ACHC on behalf of Spring Hill UMC
  while these markers were completed by community organizations:
  Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings- Historic Home and Farm Yard, Cross Creek, Alachua County (2019) The Cotton Club Building (2019)
  http://apps.flheritage.com/markers/map/ - link to State Historic Marker website

- Assisted County Ancient Records Clerk with transcription of documents;
- Historic Ad Valorem Exemptions (staff administration)- 1 completed in 2019; 3 completed 2020
- Work on "Truth and Reconciliation" including ongoing historic research on lynching history; participation of staff and some ACHC members on the Community Remembrance Committee; (Staff one of 3 County employees sent to Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery AL)
- Worked with SPOHP student interns on lynching history research
- Assisted BoCC staff with Proclamation on 400 Years of African American History
- Assisted City of Gainesville staff with Hartman House history
- Worked with Court Administrator on Lion Statuary
- Member presentations and attendance at public history events
- Assisted State Park historic and cultural efforts
- Members assisted various local history societies (Micanopy, Hawthorne, Waldo)
- Quarterly Historical Readings at BoCC regular meetings until postponed due to Covid-19
- Participated at 2019 Historic Roundtable; 2020 cancelled due to Covid-19
- Discussion of numerous research inquiries (Nathanial Orr, LV Davis, Campville, others)
- Assisted BoCC with contacting Seminole Tribe to recommend renaming Cuscowilla property
- Staff added local sites to Living New Deal website- www.livingnewdeal.org
- Provided input to City of Gainesville staff Gainesville 150th anniversary of Incorporation
- Assisted UF Student working with Cultural Arts Coalition on "Peoples History"
- Coordinated transfer of scrapbooks from Retired Senior Volunteer Program to Matheson Museum (see photo page 3)
- Coordinated with UF Library to digitize a print scroll with County history timeline (see page 4)

Alachua County Historical Commission Goals & Objectives for FY2020-2021

- Assist County Manager with BoCC Assignment on “Truth and Reconciliation”
- Determine possible approach to Rochelle "11 to Save" site preservation
- Continue work to add all documented cemetery sites to Florida Master Site File
- Pursue Certified Local Government status and establish Historic Pres. Board
- Finalize process for the local designation of historic structures (an Alachua County Historic Register) as part of Draft Historic Preservation Ordinance and receive public input at a meeting of the BoCC to request CLG status
- Further work on Historic Preservation Master Plan; NR nominations & more; Assist with letters of support for NR nominations as requested (Mt. Carmel Church process underway)
- Research Railroad History for Archer Interpretive site(s); Assist Real Rosewood Foundation on museum effort in Archer if requested
- Assist local property owners with research and preservation as possible
- Continue Historic Ad Valorem Exemptions administration (staff & Gainesville HPB)
- Support nomination of Dudley Farm State Park for National Historical Landmark
- Continue to assist Ancient Records Coordinator with transcriptions; etc.
- Assist local County organizations and agencies with grant searches & writing when possible; and letters of support for grant efforts
- Resume Quarterly 3 Minute Historical Readings at BoCC meetings;
- Continue to research and write State Historic Markers/Organize dedications; Assist other researchers with Marker review
- Consider Scott-Phifer site/ partnerships for interpretive displays;
- Update Historic Preservation section on Growth Management website (staff)
- Continue efforts for County scenic roads and vistas; assist Old Florida Heritage Highway community efforts www.woodandswink.org ;
- Continue collaboration with State Byway program including possibility to extend Old Florida Heritage Highway to include Barr Hammock (Jubilee Rd.) and Gainesville Sweetwater Wetlands Park (portion of Williston Rd.)
- Continue work with Court Administration on Lion Statuary Relocation; complete report on possible criteria/ alternative locations for Lion Statuary
- Participate in community discussions of Civil War history & interpretation
- Complete historical research as requested by BoCC or County Manager (to include research on County Commission member histories)
- Explore options for updating historic tours of County small towns and posting the information to the County website

List of ACHC Appointed Members as of October 2020
Melanie Barr, Kali Blount, Charles Horn, Karen Kirkman, Bonita Dewiliby Moore, Nicole Nesberg, Jim Powell, Ashley Wood.

Previous members serving 2018-2020 no longer active with ACHC
Sylvia Ashwell, Dr. Peggy MacDonald, Penny Dodd, Pat Moore, Robert Moore, Tina Sessions, Linda Vlacos, David Wisener

Page 3: Photo from Historic Scrapbook of John Lewis visiting Archer
Page 4: Image of scroll created circa 1996 depicting timeline of County History. This is now in digital form after former Chair Pat Moore worked with UF Library. File provided to County Communications

One photo from Retired Senior Volunteer Program scrapbooks provided by staff Satori Days to ACHC.

Historical Commission recommended transfer of entire sets of several scrapbooks to the Matheson Museum for research archives.

History of Florida
History of Alachua County
Yesterday..... Today..... and..... Tomorrow.....
FIRST SPANISH PERIOD 1600 - 1763
BRITISH OCCUPATION 1763-1783
SECOND SPANISH PERIOD 1783
NAACP FOUNDED
WWII
USSR
CIVIL RIGHTS
CAA
I-75
MTV
1500
1800
1850
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