

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC)

Minutes May 8, 2024

Meeting held at Centennial Park in Port Charlotte

Committee Members	Present	Not Present
Pat Spence	Pat Spence	Theresa Murtha
Dianne Munson	Dianne Munson	
Theresa Murtha	Stephen Valdes	
Clare Riggs	Clare Riggs	
Stephen Valdes		

BOCC Liaison: Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

Libraries & History Staff

Jennifer Zoebelin, Joe Guerzo

Public Attendees

Jennifer Smith

Roll Call

Dianne calls for roll call: Only Theresa is absent.

Approval of March Minutes

- Dianne calls for approval of March minutes. Pat approves and Stephen seconds it.
- Minutes are approved.

New Point Comfort Marker Update

- Jennifer sent everyone invitations to the dedication on Wednesday, May 22 at 9am.
- Because of the location of the marker, the ceremony will be in the parking lot across the street and will be a lot quicker than previous dedications.
- Commissioner Truex, Jim Christman and Jennifer will speak.
- It is in a good visible spot, as people leave the parking lot.
- Local newspapers and CCTV will be in attendance.

Hickory Bluff pioneers Marker

- The marker that was lost during Hurricane Ian is now back and has been installed.
- Howard Homestead and Carl Bailey markers have not been replaced yet.

Demolition permit – 903 Lavilla Rd. Punta Gorda

- Located just outside the Punta Gorda city limits on east side of town.
- It's a 1926 house that's not in great shape. Owner wants to demolish it and build a new house.
- It's located on our Historical Survey, but only because of its age. It's not considered historically relevant to the local historic district.
- Nothing we can do to stop the demolition, but Lanette and Jennifer want to document it by photographing the inside and outside.
- There are other houses from the 1920's located on the same street.
- Property value was appraised at \$75,000.

Citizen Input

- Jennifer Smith introduces herself to the HAC.

Member Input

- Commissioner Deutsch says we have a new member joining us next month. He attended the Law Enforcement Memorial Service at Gaines Park. The Memorial Day program will be on May 27th.
- Stephen was approached by the Conquistadores. They would like to sponsor a Latin Festival which would include the Spanish heritage of the area. He inquires about organizations in the county. Jennifer says to check with FPAN (Florida Public Archaeology Network).
- Clare mentions graduation season coming up at the Event Center. Weekends are booked up until October 2026.

Meeting adjourns.

- **Next meeting is on Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9am at Centennial Park**