

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) Minutes
April 9, 2025
Meeting held at Centennial Park in Port Charlotte

Committee Members

Katherine Adamo
Deborah Fitch
Karen Hartman
Dianne Munson
Theresa Murtha
Clare Riggs
Pat Spence
Stephen Valdes

BOCC Liaison

N/a

Libraries & History Staff

Jennifer Zoebelin, Cal Keene

Public Attendees

N/a

Roll call

Dianne does the roll call; Theresa Murtha and Katherine Adamo are absent. We have a quorum.

Approval of minutes

Diane calls for approval of March minutes. Clare moves to approve the minutes; Pat seconds. Approved.

Update on El Jobean marker

Last year the El Jobean marker was vandalized. The marker itself was in fine condition but the connecting piece was broken. Facilities were unable to fix it, so we had to reorder the entire marker. It seems like the replacement is in the manufacturing phase and should hopefully only take a couple more months to arrive.

Citizen Input

N/a

Member Input

Clare Riggs: Do we have any update from the Bunk House gentleman (John Valickas)? Is he moving forward? Jennifer states she passed the motion from the previous HAC meeting onto Jeannette Knowlton who will then share it with the commissioners – We have not heard from John otherwise.

Dianne Munson: Reminder that the 21st Hibiscus Festival is the first weekend in May at Gilchrist Park. It is free entry and non-profits are welcome to set up as long as they are not selling anything, otherwise vendor booths are \$100 for all three days.

Stephen Valdes: Tonight there is Music in the History Park. The Women's Club is going well. They are opening up a venue that can hold approximately 200 people. Their kitchen has been completely redone and they're going to have a big get-together but they're unsure when. The new owners of the Military Museum have been cleaning things up from Ian. Stephen shares that the disadvantage of being non-profit is the lack of business background. He shares an anecdote of his experience consulting non-profits on management.

Meeting adjourns

Next meeting is on May 14th, 2025, at 9am, in the Centennial Park large conference room in Port Charlotte. All HAC meetings throughout 2025 will be held here.