

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) Minutes
January 8, 2025
Meeting held at Centennial Park in Port Charlotte

Committee Members

Present

Pat Spence
Theresa Murtha
Stephen Valdes
Katherine Adamo
Deborah Fitch
Karen Hartman

Absent

Katherine Adamo
Clare Riggs
Dianne Munson

BOCC Liaison

Comm. Stephen R. Deutsch

Libraries & History Staff

Jennifer Zoebelein, Cal Keene

Public Attendees

Gene Murtha

Roll call

- Theresa does the roll call; Katherine Adamo, Clare Riggs, and Dianne Munson are absent

Approval of minutes

- Theresa calls for approval of December minutes

Hickory Bluff signage

- Pushing this topic to the February agenda to discuss with member Katherine Adamo.

Time Capsule

- Theresa learned that the time capsule may be in the Englewood archives. Jennifer will look into this and report back.

Citizen Input

Gene Murtha: The 9th Annual Southern Supper will be on March 8th at 5pm, located at the Church of the Good Shepherd. Tickets are \$60. Will be commemorating the CARE organization, the First Presbyterian Church, and a veteran.

Member Input

Pat Spence: Would like to know who owns the fishing pier that moved during the storm – Jennifer believes it belongs to Community Services at large but will look into it to confirm. A citizen, Cheryl Vestpoint, applied for a place on the HAC but hasn't heard back – Jennifer will look into this as well.

Stephen Valdes: Would like to know when Ponce de Leon Park is reopening. Recently catalogued photos in museum – Theresa suggested using the software PastPerfect. All agreed digitizing the newspapers is a goal for the future.

Theresa Murtha: PG Members & Visitors guide incorporated a well-designed history section in the new publication.

Jennifer Zoebelen: New Point dedication invitations will be sent out next month. The ceremony will be held in the parking lot, as the marker is on the side of the road.

Meeting adjourns

- Next meeting is on February 12th, 2025, at 9am, in the Centennial Park large conference room in Port Charlotte. All HAC meetings throughout 2025 will be held here.