

Historical Advisory Committee (HAC) Minutes  
November 13, 2024  
Meeting held at Centennial Park in Port Charlotte

**Committee Members**

**Present**

Dianne Munson  
Theresa Murtha  
Clare Riggs  
Stephen Valdes  
Katherine Adamo  
Deborah Fitch

**Absent**

Pat Spence  
Karen Hartman

**BOCC Liaison**

Commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch

**Libraries & History Staff**

Jennifer Zoebelein, Debbie Hunt

**Public Attendees**

Gene Murtha

**Roll Call**

- Dianne does the roll call; Pat Spence and Karen Hartman are absent

**Approval of September minutes**

- Dianne calls for approval of September minutes, which is approved

**Cemetery signage**

- Public Works will be installing new signage at all other historic cemeteries (Hickory Bluff, Southland Trail, Carl Bailey) within the next few months. They will have a map, information, and contact info for History Services.
- PW stated Indian Spring and Bailey suffered extensive flooding, but no major damage.

**Keep Charlotte Beautiful grant**

- Katherine asks about grants and getting signage for native plants in historic cemeteries. Jennifer will talk to PW and Master Gardeners

**Citizen Input**

- N/a

## **Member Input**

- Stephen V. stated Veterans Day went pleasantly. Fisherman's Village has extensive damage. Historical Society and Woman's club suffered damage. Fisherman's Village gave them 12 benches to put in historic village.
- Theresa stated History Center is on higher ground and did well through the storm.
- Stephen V. talked about historical part of PG and future plans to divide lots
- Katherine - Delayed cemetery cleaning. Asked Stephen about what is happening with building. Museum has 5 year lease, and all 3 buildings are interconnected. Katherine asked for status of William R. Gaines, which commissioner Stephen R. Deutsch would need to answer.
- Theresa raised questions about Bunk House. Jennifer explained the BCC decided it needed to be discussed further via workshop. Jennifer will resend the report to everyone.
- Deborah explained her interest in history and background.
- Clare stated no building facility damage from recent storms. Inherited early voting due to the hurricane and have been very busy. There is a military band concert at the event center tonight with 1,800 people coming. Weekends are all booked into 2028. Clare asked about PC Beach complex. Jennifer recommends watching meeting footage from yesterday to hear what was said about PCB complex plans. Clare has contacts for plant marker project to share with Katherine.
- Dianne stated Museum next big thing is the Hibiscus Festival in May.

## **Meeting adjourns**

- Next meeting is on December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9am, in the Centennial Park large conference room in Port Charlotte. All HAC meetings throughout 2025 will be held here.