

**HARRY T. & HARRIETTE V. MOORE MEMORIAL PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park Referendum Committee meeting held on Tuesday, October 2, 2001, at 6 p.m., at the Cuyler Park Annex, in Mims, Florida.

**Committee Members Present**

Clarence Rowe, Chairperson  
Gloria Bartley (new member)  
Juanita Barton (new member)  
Dr. Maxwell King  
David N. Rich  
Leroy G. Smith  
Juanita Wright, Vice Chairman

**Committee Members Absent**

J. Albert Diggs, Jr.–excused  
Cleave S. Frink  
Rev. Joyce Harvey  
Ernestine Jamerson  
Rev. W. James McClam, Jr.  
Kathy Turnquest  
Mildred Whitehead  
Dr. Frank E. Williams

**County Staff Present**

Jack Masson, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director  
Greg Minor, Special Projects Coordinator IV  
Cheryl K. Page, North Area Parks Operations Manager  
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER–Chairman Clarence Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL–As stated above. Cheryl Page reported Jay Diggs could not be present tonight due to consultant work but is still interested in serving on the committee. Chairman Rowe stated Mr. Diggs is and Mildred Whitehead are excused and all others not present are unexcused. [Modified at 8/27/02 meeting.]

**III. STATUS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Motion by Maxwell King, seconded by Leroy Smith, to accept Juanita Barton and Gloria Bartley as new committee members.**

**AYE: King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Wright**

**NAY: None** **5-0**

Mrs. Page explained the Sunshine Law to the new members.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Minutes of the August 28, 2001, meeting were accepted at the motion by Dave Rich, seconded by Juanita Wright.**

**AYE: Bartley, Barton, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Wright**

**NAY: None** **7-0**

**Minutes of the March 27, 2001, meeting were re-approved correcting those listed as voting for the first four motions as being Barton, Rich, Rowe, Smith at the motion by Maxwell King, seconded by Leroy Smith.**

**AYE: Bartley, Barton, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Wright**

**NAY: None** **7-0**

## V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 501(c)(3) Status—Chairman Rowe reported he picked up the application for the 501(c)(3) from Shannon Wilson today. The organization is in desperate need of \$500 for the application to IRS. Chairman Rowe stated he hopes to receive a donation or loan.

Jack Masson explained he did some research on the incorporation and reported The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., membership is separate from the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park Referendum Committee. The Referendum committee cannot accept donations. The donations must be through the incorporated organization who must also forward the paperwork to the State of Florida.

Dr. King suggested board members should solicit donations to open a bank account. In response to inquiries from committee members, Mr. Masson explained the committee and the non-profit organization must meet separately.

Leroy Smith reviewed the establishment of the not for profit organization when a group met for five or six weeks with Shannon Wilson to establish the incorporation. It came to standstill due to applying for the 501(c)(3). Some contributions were made in the past. Jack Masson recommended that at the end of this committee meeting, to close the business, and reconvene as The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., and at that time discuss receiving donations, opening bank account, etc. Dave Rich suggested the committee agenda should be more clear. Mrs. Page indicated two separate agendas should be prepared with the County providing the Referendum committees agenda and the Cultural Complex organization providing their own agenda. In response to an inquiry from Dave Rich, Mrs. Page and Jack Masson further explained the original homesite committee became the Referendum committee. The not for profit organization will have separate meetings.

Chairman Rowe asked for a legal clarification if the two groups can meet together. Leroy Smith reminded the committee they were told several years ago by the Assistant County Attorney that the homesite committee could not solicit funds because the County does not allow that under their charter. The only way to do that was to establish the corporation. It is straightforward. The funds received had to be returned. Mr. Smith indicated he is quite sure there haven't been any changes to County requirements. The committee can't use County established accounting for donations. It must be a separate accounting process.

Chairman Rowe stated he wants something up to date in the legal ramifications. He was not present when the group met with Ms. Wilson. He hopes not to do anything illegal or immoral and requested staff come back with a clear and plain explanation of what can and cannot be done.

Chairman Rowe stated the committee will complete this agenda and then go into the corporation agenda.

Dr. King indicated he has had a lot of experience with not for profit corporations. The 501(c)(3) is the direct support organization for The Harry T and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc. It's not complicated. Since the organization was never officially organized, the same officers can be elected.

B. Report on Project Design—Jack Masson reviewed reports at the last meeting including a shortfall of funding. He reviewed funding, as attached, which shows a \$194,733 shortfall after postponing the west parking area and associated lighting. He noted the contingency is normally required due to unforeseen things which might come up is not included. Mr. Minor stated the building is not a typical block/steel structure, but rather is a high-profile classy building. Additional cuts would compromise the quality of the building. Shingles would be less than metal roof. Tile would be less than wood flooring. However, staff doesn't want to compromise the integrity of the building. Commercial type construction ranges from \$125 to \$165 per square foot. This project is at \$140 per square foot. Mr. Minor checked with St. Johns

and County Site Review, and found it can be built in phases. Prices are well within the factor used for commercial construction. Mr. Masson spoke for the need to find funding quickly and suggested staff can discuss it with their superiors to see if there is any additional funding available. He noted the project can't wait another six months to a year.

Dave Rich lamented donations through a 501(c)(3) probably won't amount to \$200,000 quickly enough and suggested maybe a combination would work out. Mr. Masson will ask about the possibility of other funding. Additional legislative funding is a year away.

Leroy Smith offered to appear before the Board of County Commissioners to request additional funding to avoid turning money back to the State. Mr. Masson stated he would be comfortable if the staff carried this torch initially to discuss with the appropriate parties. Dr. King observed staff is very enthused about the project and should carry the ball and then see if political interference is needed.

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**Motion by Juanita Wright, seconded by Leroy Smith, for staff to see about alternative funding of the \$200,000 shortfall.**

**AYE: Bartley, Barton, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Wright**

**NAY: None**

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In response to an inquiry regarding the possibility of Department of Community Affairs funding, staff reported State grants require something be on site to qualify. There is no remnant of the house.

In response to an inquiry from Chairman Rowe, Mr. Masson stated going to bid is not recommended with that much of a deficit. Contract management was discussed at an inquiry from Dr. King. Dave Rich suggested putting a design of the project on the Internet as information and for fund raising. Messrs. Masson and Minor agreed that can be done. Mr. Rich reported the site is getting a lot of hits. Mrs. Page reported a professor at UCF obtained information off the website for a visit to the property. Mr. Masson suggested including what, why, how to donate on the website. Mr. Rich stated he would also like to have a rendering of the homesite itself. Mr. Masson reported he understands the contract was for the design of the cultural center and did not include the replica of the house. Mr. Rich asked if the County has an artist on staff who could render a drawing. Cheryl Page suggested contacting Rev. McClam took the measurements and possibly could draw the house. Pictures are available as well. Mr. Masson reminded the committee the figures presented tonight do not include the replica.

C. Referendum—Discussed above.

## VI. PUBLIC COMMENT & PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A. Carlos Daniels stated that at the last meeting he attended it was recommended an artist do the portraits of Harry T. Moore and asked if that is still a part of the agenda. He is also an artist. There was also talk about a festival for fund raising. Chairman Rowe stated that is further down the road. The 501(c)(3) is needed as well as \$200,000 for the shortfall.

Dave Rich introduced discussion about design of a brochure and about artwork/mural in the building. Chairman Rowe called the discussion out of order because public comment was the current agenda item.

B. Sonny Ellison from New Smyrna Beach reported Evangeline Moore called him and sent two pen and ink sketches by Rudyard Kipling. She also sent a book of different personalities from the civil rights movement, copies of letters Harry T. Moore wrote to various agencies, and a biography of Harry T. Moore. Mr. Ellison wants to make cardboard life-size cutouts, but needs photos. There will be a section for Harry T. Moore in the museum in New Smyrna. Dave Rich stated there are quite a few photographs on the Internet.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

In response to an inquiry regarding the interior design of the building, Mrs. Page stated the committee will give direction. Greg Minor stated the design of this building is with blank walls and doesn't include portraits or statues which can be incorporated later. Dave Rich stated it would be wonderful to have some advanced ideas for design of displays and suggested thinking ahead of what is desired in the museum. He suggested presenting those ideas to several design firms to bid on the project. Mr. Minor stated that may be an expensive proposition.

Chairman Rowe stated once the necessary funds are obtained, lesser issues can be dealt with. He requested concentrating on necessary funding and the 501(c)(3), then addressing other issues.

VIII. MEETING SCHEDULE–The next meeting was tentatively set for November 27, 6:00 p.m., but can be earlier based on the progress of staff.

Mrs. Page explained she was taking photos for a slide show for the Citizens' Academy.

IX. ADJOURN–Meeting adjourned at about 7:30 p.m. at the motion by Leroy Smith, seconded by Juanita Wright.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence Rowe, Chairman (unavailable to sign)

Juanita Wright, Vice Chairman

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