

HARRY T. & HARRIETTE V. MOORE MEMORIAL PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE &
THE HARRY T. AND HARRIETTE V. MOORE CULTURAL COMPLEX, INC., MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held on Tuesday, August 27, 2002, at 6 p.m., at the Cuyler Park Annex, in Mims, Florida.

Members Present

Clarence Rowe, Chairman
Juanita Barton
Ernestine Jamerson
Dr. Maxwell King
David N. Rich
Leroy G. Smith
Kathy Turnquest (arrived at end)
Mildred Whitehead

Members Absent

Gloria Bartley
J. Albert Diggs, Jr.–excused
Rev. Joyce Harvey
Rev. W. James McClam, Jr.
Dr. Frank E. Williams
Juanita Wright, Vice Chairman

County Staff Present

Charles S. Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director
Greg Minor, Special Projects Coordinator IV
Chuck Mays, Construction Coordinator
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER–Chairman Clarence Rowe called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL–Chairman Rowe stated those not requesting an excused absence were to be marked unexcused. Staff did not receive any such requests. It was noted Mildred Whitehead’s absence on October 2, 2001, should have been excused.

III. STATUS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS–Chairman Rowe noted that had been discussed and any unexcused from three consecutive meetings would be dropped from the committee per previous action.

Chairman Rowe introduced Evangeline Moore who indicated she was glad to be present, has been concerned about the delays in construction, begged the County to get started on some type of building, and to let her know if there is anything she can do.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the October 2, 2001, meeting were accepted, with the modification that Mildred Whitehead was excused, at the motion by Juanita Barton, seconded by Mildred Whitehead.

AYE: Barton, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead

NAY: None

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V. OLD BUSINESS

A. 501(c)(3) Status–Chairman Rowe reported the organization was successful in getting the 501(c)(3) which is necessary to receive tax exempt donations as a non-profit organization. An account was opened at Riverside Bank with no monthly fees charged.

Chuck Nelson gave regrets on behalf of Cheryl Page who was at the FRPA conference. He announced there is good news in that the project is ready to go. Permits are in place, site plans are approved and the

A&E plans are on hand. There was a shortage on funding to do the project in its entirety. Staff has reviewed funding sources and suggest the Foundation make a request to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) to fund the \$350,000 balance needed and commit the Foundation to replacing this funding. Mr. Nelson stated it would be helpful if the members attend the BOCC meeting. Mr. Nelson distributed a sheet (attached) with the proposed budget of \$1,160,000 which would build the museum, parking and infrastructure, loop to picnic and playground area, and build the playground. It would build two smaller pavilions, but staff suggests building one larger pavilion instead to give the ability to have larger functions for fund raising.

The remaining element is the home itself as relocation or reconstruction. Staff has budgeted for the operation of the park in next fiscal year's budget. It will be up to the people to provide artifacts, but gathering the history will be an exciting process.

Leroy Smith inquired about having the impact and building permit fees waived. Mr. Nelson responded that some impact fees are State ordered and cannot be waived by the BOCC. Staff will be sure all that can be waived are waived and will request that the building permit fees are waived and that money will stay in the project.

Maxwell King suggested, based on what Mr. Nelson had said, that a letter be written to the BOCC to move as quickly as possible. He believes the non-profit organization will be able to get additional help when construction starts. Mr. Nelson reported the County is seeing competitive pricing on contracts from good contractors. It will be a public bid.

Motion by Maxwell King, seconded by Juanita Barton that a letter be prepared, and the president authorized to sign, requesting the Board of County Commissioners fund the project and committing the Foundation to replace the funds.

AYE: Barton, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead.

NAY: None

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Mr. Nelson indicated the letter should come from The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc. (Foundation). In order to place it on the next regular board meeting of September 17, he will need the letter the week of September 3 and he will assist the president with the letter.

Dave Rich introduced discussion on repayment of the funding. Mr. Nelson indicated such arrangements are typically non-interest bearing over the time it takes to repay it. The Commission has been very receptive and understands that groups that do fund raising, go through cycles. Mr. Rich inquired if the Foundation could raise money for the house before replacing the full amount. Dr. King stated he believes the BOCC will come forward with additional funds for the home and additional projects. Mr. Nelson indicated the BOCC probably wouldn't limit having two projects going at the same time.

B. Report on Project—In response to an inquiry from Mr. Rich, Mr. Nelson estimated the construction time frame at 9-12 months, or one year from BOCC approval. Greg Minor stated he can send the bid to Purchasing to put on the streets within 30 days, then 21 days are required on the street. A five-day protest period is required after close. Award of the contract would then go to the apparent low bidder. Next is the legal process to get the contract approved by the County and signed. From bid closing, it takes four to six weeks. Mr. Nelson estimated that would be about 90 days from when the loan is approved.

Motion by Leroy Smith, seconded by Maxwell King, to build one large pavilion to accommodate a crowd and address smaller pavilions during fund raising.

AYE: Barton, Jamerson, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead

NAY: None

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Motion by Dave Rich, seconded by Maxwell King, that this be a joint meeting of the Referendum Committee and the Foundation.

AYE: Barton, Jamerson, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead

NAY: None

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VI. PUBLIC COMMENT & PERSONAL

APPEARANCES—Mr. Nelson stated he was very pleased to see so many of the public present and involved in this project.

V. NEW BUSINESS—Dave Rich suggested using the Internet for fund raising and Pay Pal for accepting donations over the Internet. When Chairman Rowe inquired about the legal ramifications, Mr. Rich indicated Pay Pal was just purchased by Ebay which is well known and transfers millions of dollars each day. The money from Pay Pal would go into the Foundation's account at Riverside. There is no fee to the donor, although the donor must register with Pay Pal, and the organization is charged a fee as is done with VISA.

Dr. King stated this may very well be something the Foundation may want to use at some time, but suggested to really get involved, a committee needs to sit down with volunteers, set up a mission statement and identify the top percent donors. Community leaders are needed to be on a committee to help with fund raising. Dave Rich indicated that is an excellent idea and asked if the committee could be set up tonight.

Leroy Smith noted a group met to create the Foundation, and now that information needs to be used to create a mission statement and plan, then submit requests to people who could serve the Foundation better in this effort. Mr. Rich inquired if there could be a core fund raising committee of the Foundation.

Chairman Rowe reported he contacted Home Depot and Lowes who gave him the appropriate information to send forward. The Foundation needs to specify needs to both companies.

Motion by Maxwell King, seconded by Dave Rich, to approve the minutes of The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., of October 2, 2001.

AYE: Barton, Jamerson, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead

NAY: None

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Dave Rich, as webmaster for the homesite, reported the Internet site is receiving 800 visitors every month and has generated some interest. The State NAACP called for a high quality graphic. Folks in Leon County asked for the photo on the Internet to use in a registration drive. Most recently a call came from people putting together displays for the old State House in Tallahassee. As a result of an e-mail from Ben Green that the book *Before His Time* was going out of print, Mrs. Page purchased 100 books at a discount price.

Chairman Rowe stated the Foundation is most fortunate and blessed to have a man like Dave Rich for the website with so many visitors.

Chairman Rowe recognized Ms. Batchelor and her drive to print a Harry T. Moore stamp. Mrs. Batchelor noted schools have been able to use the website for research projects.

Bill Gary announced the NAACP is having a voter registration at 6 p.m., Thursday at Gibson. The tour bus will stop in Titusville around 3:30 p.m. and in Mims on Thursday to register voters. On September 5, at 7 p.m., there will be a political candidates forum at Gibson.

Mr. Gary introduced Caroline Emmons, from Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, who is writing a

book on civil rights in Florida and is visiting and interviewing people before she leaves to teach in the Slovak Republic for a year. Ms. Emmons congratulated the County and those present for their efforts. She stated Harry T. Moore has been very inspirational to her.

Jackie Horne, program specialist at CCLC stated the Moores stood for education and CCLC is declaring war on FACT to prepare students for the test. She made flyers available and invited all to come on September 14.

Treasurer's Report—Mildred Whitehead reported \$750 was deposited, and check for \$500 was issued to the IRS for the 501(c)(3). There was deduction for checks, leaving a \$234.55 balance. Chairman Rowe stated that is the mustard seed and the Foundation is going to watch it grow.

Mr. Nelson requested the Foundation members please attend September 17 BOCC meeting. In response to an inquiry from Juanita Barton, Mr. Nelson will request a time certain.

Mr. Nelson stated the next meeting could be September 24, and would not be for the Referendum Committee, but would be the Foundation.

Chairman Rowe inquired when the bids would go out if the BOCC approves the loan on the 17th. Mr. Nelson indicated within 30 days the bids would be on the street. An update will be given at the meeting on the 24th. Dr. King stated he will not be available the week of September 24.

Motion by Leroy Smith, seconded by Juanita Barton, for The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc., to meet on September 24, at 6:00 p.m., at Cuyler Annex.

AYE: Barton, Jamerson, King, Rich, Rowe, Smith, Whitehead

NAY: None

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Chairman Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:08 and thanked the audience for their time.

Respectfully submitted,

(Unavailable to sign)

Clarence Rowe, Chairman of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park Referendum Committee & President of The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc.

Juanita Wright, Vice Chairman of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park Referendum Committee

David N. Rich, Vice President of The Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc.

Others present who did not speak included:

Sandra Storm, sculptor for the 7-foot tall relief sculpture which is the focal point of the main lobby of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Justice Center in Viera, Florida.

Paul Jerome with *Flavour* magazine who will be writing an article in *Flavour* on the Moores related to his interview of Evangeline Moore.

Others who signed in: Sonny Ellison, Janet Campbell, Dennis W. Young, Lucy Mae Seigler, Willie Mae Bell, Ulysses Glover, Deborah Rodwell, Lawanda Smith, Charlie C. Smith, Hosea Williams, Corine Saunders, Frances James, Brenda Gray, Jim Foster, Cleave Frink, Eloise D. Boatwright, Mae Shaw Wells, Jessie Robinson, Willie J. Addison. (Names typed from signatures, therefore spelling may not be accurate.)

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