

HARRY T. & HARRIETTE V. MOORE MEMORIAL PARK REFERENDUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Meeting held on Tuesday, April 22, 2003, at 6:30 p.m., at the Cuyler Park Annex, in Mims, Florida.

Members Present

Juanita Wright, Vice Chairman
Gloria Bartley
Juanita Barton
Ernestine Jamerson
Dr. Maxwell King
David N. Rich
Leroy G. Smith

Members Absent

J. Albert Diggs, Jr.
Rev. Joyce Harvey
Clarence Rowe, Chairman
Kathy Turnquest
Mildred Whitehead

County Staff Present

Charles S. Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director
Judy Inman, Administrative Secretary

The Committee met at the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Memorial Park at 6 p.m. to view progress on the project.

I. CALL TO ORDER–Vice-Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. and requested a moment of silent prayer for Chairman Clarence Rowe who has suffered a stroke.

II. ROLL CALL–As shown above.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dr. Maxwell King, seconded by Juanita Barton, to approve the minutes of March 11, 2003.

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

NAY: None

Carried 6-0

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Report on Project–Mr. Nelson reported the State of Florida is looking for money and is wanting money from grants that are more than three years old. The State says they are not willing to extend beyond May 31. Mr. Nelson stated he thinks it is necessary for the Committee to contact legislators and influential groups to be sure to carry forward these dollars to next year's budget even though the money may be spent by then. Contacts with NAACP at state level would be helpful. Staff is going to contact the Black Caucus in Tallahassee. The community will have well over \$900,000 in the project when it is completed.

David Rich inquired if anyone had been in contact with newly organized North Brevard NAACP. It was noted Gloria Bartley and Leroy Smith are on the executive board.

Maxwell King suggested contacting Senator Haridopoulos. Mr. Nelson reported he sent a letter to Senator Posey whose legislation started the original funding. The State expects a storm from the community and they expect it to be put back into the budget.

Mr. Nelson thanked those who were at the site and reported the foundation is being prepared for the building and the parking lots are being stabilized. Work has come along very fast in the last month. The contract with BRPH is in place and the materials are being ordered. The pavilion and playground are to be constructed in addition to the museum.

Mr. Nelson reported there was an area where material was found which was a burial pit for household materials. Dave Rich and Tom Pender, an archeologist, are investigating the site. They identified what was seen and will document, then maybe explore more later. Mr. Pender will submit the information to the State for their records.

Dave Rich reported he ran into one of the neighbors when taking photos. The neighbor called to say some bottles were revealed and called Mr. Rich who took photographs and collected a few of the items. It is unknown if they were objects from the Moores. They will be turned into Mr. Pender. In the future, there will be more extensive search to see if more items are there.

Judy Inman reported Mr. Pender is looking for photos of the home before and after the bombing. Mr. Rich has pictures from the beginning of the excavation which will be on the website, which gets about 25 visitors per day. Mr. Rich reported he has all the photos from Evangeline Moore on the website. Ernestine Jamerson asked Brenda Gray to see if her mother has any photos. Many present confirmed home faced east, with bedroom on north side of the house and entry on an east-west road from Old Dixie.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

Dave Rich reported the Internet can provide more information than publications can afford to do and a lot of basic raw information is available on the website about the Moores (nbbd.com). Mr. Rich would like to scan pamphlets, letters, and would like to include memories of the Moores. Brenda Gray said Robert Saunders wrote a book about Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore entitled *Bridging the Gap*, of which Juanita Wright and Ernestine Jamerson each have a copy. Brenda Gray will check on a display that was at the Cocoa Library about two years ago which had large pictures on display boards.

Sonny Ellison from New Smyrna provided a copy of an article in *The Observer* about a painting of Harry T. Moore which was donated to the Black Heritage Museum in New Smyrna Beach. Sonny will send Dave Rich a digital photo of the painting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Nelson reported Gloria Kilpatrick who lives in Syracuse, New York, wants to partner with the committee for grants. Staff can contact her for details. Mr. Nelson suggested having Dave Rich work with staff. Juanita Barton asked if there is someone locally who could do the same thing. Mr. Nelson responded he is not sure what she is looking to do. If she has a working relationship with Ms. Moore that may be beneficial. Mr. Rich suggested that whether or not she is the only person, it might be good to work with her. Mr. Nelson indicated he is not sure how the site fits in with the grants.

Dave Rich made a plea for artifacts for the museum. Gloria Bartley suggested contacting Bethune Cookman from which the Moores graduated.

Mr. Nelson remarked that one of the opportunities is to turn the building into a living memorial.

In response to an inquiry from Dave Rich about curator or director, Mr. Nelson stated he talked with Cheryl Page to fill a position that has that role sooner rather than later, and is starting the process in 60 days.

Motion by Ernestine Jamerson, seconded by Juanita Barton, to approve appoint Dave Rich as liaison with Gloria Kilpatrick.

AYE: Bartley, Barton, Jamerson, King, Rich, Smith, Wright

NAY: None

Carried 7-0

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m., at the motion by Maxwell King, seconded by Gloria Bartley.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Wright
Vice Chairman

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