

# Sanford Historic Trust

## General Member Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 15, 2015

**Time:** 7:00 PM

**Place:** Welcome Center

**Note Taker:** Kristin Cole

Nelson Beverly calls meeting to order at 7:00 PM

### Meeting Minutes

Review and approval of meeting minutes from September meeting.

### Reports

#### Treasurer Report

Jim provided an overview of the Treasurer's report. SHT currently has roughly \$42k, down from \$46k in the bank. The reduction reflects the lamp post purchase expenses, but does not include the installation.

### New Business

- **Home Tour – Nelson provided an update** on the new 2015 tour. Posters, coasters, cards have been completed and tickets are now on sale online. Sponsorship and advertising options are also posted online. There are eleven sponsors to date. The tour will be held on Palmetto between 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> St. and the date is set for Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 9 PM. Ten homes are confirmed to participate, and ten vendors have been secured for food and beverage. A homeowner tour workshop was completed on Oct 6th at 7 PM at the Welcome Center.
- **2016 SHT Wall Calendars:** The photo contest winners have been announced and the winning photos are set to be unveiled at A reception and award ceremony for the winners to be held October 16th at Janine Taylor
- **Update on San Lanta Neighborhood Entrance:** Damage to the entrance feature on Plumosa Dr. is being investigated by police. Public Works will be repairing the damage to the entry.
- **SHT 2016 Elections** – Charlotte Smith is leading the nominating committee for the November election. Other committee members include Charlie Hull, Fran Cramer, Amelia Green, and Leon Konieczny. The Officer positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be open. Additionally, there are three general board positions that will also be open as Hank Dieckhaus, Rob Hawkins, and Brenda Boland have expiring terms.
  - **Nominations for the three two year terms:** Leon Konieczny, Robert Walsh, and Maria Shreve, Denny Gibbs, Amelia Green
  - **Nominations for the two one year terms:** Jeremy Ponsott, Craig JohnsonThe election will be held at the November general meeting.
- **Student Museum** Alec Then provided an update on the Student Museum. Committee includes:
  - Alec Then
  - Kristin Cole

- Linda Kuhn
- Jerry Mills
- Mike Smith
- Dianne Forrest
- Christine Dalton
- Maria Shreve
- Denny Gibbs

**Collect necessary information** The committee met at the Welcome Center on September 15 to discuss the project and consider options for involvement and support for the preservation of the Student Museum. Christin Dalton provided a wealth of information regarding the project based on her knowledge of the project and her discussion with Seminole County School Board members:

- SCPS's goal is to transition the property to another organization.
- SCPS will be releasing an RFQ October 15<sup>th</sup> to solicit bids for the purchase of the Student Museum. Much more information will be available once this RFQ is released. Additionally, the RFQ process will contain a bidders conference, a time at which a list of all potential bidders will be available to the public.
- Christine believes that while SCPS are hopeful for and will encourage proposal responses from educational institutions, RFQ respondents from public educational facilities face significantly higher standards for code and regulatory requirements than respondents from private institutions would. Higher standards equate to higher improvement costs which may deter potential bidders. Private investors will be considered.
- Efforts were being made to assess the potential interest of Seminole State College and Stetson University

**Rigorously analyze data:** The annual maintenance costs of approximately \$50,000 also would require over \$1M in repairs. While the committee did not complete a detailed financial analysis, as even the basic maintenance on the building far exceeds the support that the Trust is currently capable of providing. The RFQ will provide detailed requirements that can be assessed at the time of its release.

**Meet with school board representatives and/or other members of the community:** While the committee did not meet with the School Board Members, the report from Christine Dalton provided valuable information on the thoughts and considerations of the School Board.

**Prepare written recommendation(s) for board and membership:** The committee members agreed that:

- SHT should not consider pursuing or responding to the RFQ as a sole participant to obtain ownership of the Student Museum


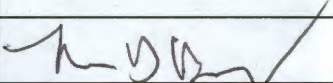
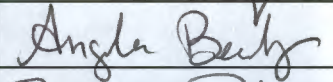
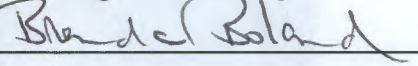
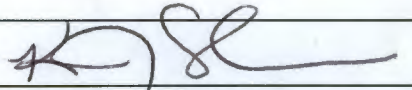
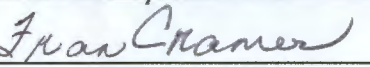
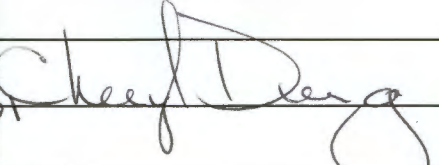
- SHT should consider possible partnerships with other primary respondents to the RFQ. Partnership considerations could include both private developers and public educational or other non-profit organizations.
  - SHT should proactively assess the RFQ, attend bidders conference, and evaluate potential partnership opportunities as information is made available
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- **Recap of Special Meeting Called by Historic Preservation Board:** Meeting included HPB, City Manager and other city leaders to discuss strengthening of processes and communications between the city and HPB.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04


**Next Meeting** • Thursday, November 19, 2015 Historic Sanford Welcome Center, 230 E 1st St, Sanford, FL 32771

Minutes submitted by Secretary, Kristin Cole.

**October 15, 2015 General Membership Meeting**

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