UFHSA: Education, Interpretation and Facilities Committee

Meeting Report: January 20, 2015, 9:45 AM approved 2-25-15

The meeting was held as a conference call and in-person meeting at 720 SW 2nd Avenue, Suite 108, Gainesville.

Members Attending	Members Not Attending
Roy Hunt (comm. chair)	Tracy Upchurch
Michael Gannon	Larry Rivers
Arva Moore Parks	Rick Gonzalez
Herschel Shepard	Kathy Deagan
Dr. William L. "Bill" Proctor	

Others Attending

Ed Poppell Linda Dixon

I. Welcome

Roy Hunt called the meeting to order at 9:52 and welcomed the members.

II. 2014 Historic St. Augustine Preservation: Research, Interpretation and Education Grant Program – Roy Hunt

Members first discussed the proposal submitted by the College of Engineering. Highlights included:

- Could the proposed video be incorporated into the First Colony exhibit?
- Length and format of the video
- Opportunity for committee review/edit prior to finalizing the video
- Relative priority of this need
- Interdisciplinary potential of this concept and consideration for involvement of the School of Architecture

Herschel Shepard moved, and Michael Gannon seconded, to approve the College of Engineering grant proposal with a request for clarification and consultation (with FLMNH) as to the format of the video for integration in the First Colony Exhibit, and for review of draft materials by the committee. Motion passed unanimously. The committee next discussed the proposal submitted by the College of Health and Human Performance in partnership with the College of Design, Construction and Planning. Highlights included:

- Herschel Shepard questioned the basic assumption that the Colonial Quarter as a museum is a viable proposition. He asked to consider the highest and best use of the property.
- General discussion about "collections of buildings" serving as "museums"
- Dr. Proctor asked if there had been careful analysis of the problem with current revenue streams and visitation
- Arva Moore Parks commented that the museum should interpret what is seen in St. Augustine.

Michael Gannon made a motion, and Herschel Shepard seconded, to ask Ed Poppell to request Dean Reid to restructure the proposal to consider alternate approaches for the property. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Collections Management Policy Updates – Roy Hunt

Roy Hunt discussed the policy that was presented at the October 2013 UFHSA Board meeting and authorized for this committee to finalize and adopt.

Herschel Shepard made a motion, and Michael Gannon seconded, to adopt the Collection Management Policy as revised. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40. The next meeting will be scheduled to further consider revised grant proposals.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda B. Dixon, AICP