

Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2013

3 p.m.

The Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee (Committee) met in the County Commission Chambers on the 5th floor of the Leon County Courthouse located at 301 South Monroe Street.

Members in attendance were: Chairman Robert Bullard, Vice-Chair Laura Lee Corbett, Paula Deboles-Johnson, Sharon Gray, Marion McGee, and Kim Galban-Countryman. Jordan Thompson was absent.

Also in attendance were: Shington Lamy, Assistant to the County Administrator and Cay Hohmeister, Library Services Director.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Bullard called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. He recognized Ms. Galban-Countryman to give a brief introduction since she did not attend the previous Committee meeting due to a family emergency.

II. Review of April 19, 2013 Minutes

Mr. Lamy presented the minutes from the April 19, 2013 Committee meeting. *Ms. Deboles-Johnson made motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Ms. Gray. The motion passed 6-0.*

III. County Staff Update

Mr. Lamy informed the Committee that Mr. Thompson had resigned from the Committee due to conflicts with his schedule as he prepares to graduate. Mr. Lamy stated that Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley, who appointed Mr. Thompson, was made aware of the resignation and is expected to appoint a new member to the Committee at the County Commission May 28 meeting.

Mr. Lamy also recommended that the Committee reschedule its May 21 meeting due to a scheduling conflict that would prevent him from attending the meeting. The Committee agreed to reschedule the meeting for Wednesday, May 29, 2013.

IV. Review of Proposed Marketing Plan

Mr. Lamy presented the proposed marketing plan that was compiled with suggested ideas submitted by members of the Committee and County staff. Ms. McGee provided additional information to be incorporated into the marketing plan that included a list of local churches for outreach. Ms. Deboles-Johnson stated that she would provide the names of a couple of churches to be included in the list. Mr. Lamy stated that he would email the list to the Committee members for review and additions. Following considerable discussion on the marketing plan, the Committee agreed that the document should serve as a framework and guide in their effort to promote and reach out to the community on the Time Capsule.

Ms. Galban-Countryman made the motion to adopt the marketing plan, including the information submitted by Ms. McGee and it was seconded by Ms. McGee. The motion passed 6-0.

As part of its discussion of the marketing plan, the Committee also discussed the time period that should be represented and how long the time capsule should remain sealed. Chairman Bullard proposed that the time capsule remain sealed until October 25, 2123 which would be for 110 years and mark the 300 year anniversary when the community was selected as the capital of Florida. ***Ms. Corbett made the motion for the time capsule to remain sealed until October 25, 2123 and it was seconded by Ms. Deboles-Johnson. The motion passed 6-0.***

Ms. Galban-Countryman made the motion that the contents of the time capsule reflect the people, landscape, animals, and natural features of Leon County in 2013 and be effectually entitled, "2013: Living Today in Leon County, Florida." It was seconded by Ms. Deboles-Johnson and the motion passed 6-0.

V. Member Discussion

The Committee spoke at length about possible contents to consider for inclusion in the time capsule. Chairman Bullard shared an article with the Committee that spoke about time capsules that provide very little information about the communities that sealed them. Chairman Bullard stressed the importance of ensuring that the contents placed in the Viva Time Capsule reflect the life in Leon County in the year 2013. The members shared their ideas regarding potential items and materials for the Leon County Viva Time Capsule which included:

- Hopes and dreams for the future authored by the present community
- Information on what is popular in 2013 in Leon County (movies, books, T.V., etc.)
- Local endangered species/plants
- Lunch room menus at area schools
- Current local scientific efforts to preserve life
- Interviews of parents and grandparents

Ms. Deboles-Johnson mentioned that once the Time Capsule website was available to the public a link should be shared with local organizations. Ms. Corbett stated that staff should work with the School Board to determine the most appropriate timeline to incorporate participation of Leon County Schools' students. Mr. Lamy mentioned that he would also contact the community's larger private schools such as North Florida Christian and Maclay School to inquire about their participation in the Time Capsule process.

VI. Adjournment

The Committee meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.