

# ST. JOHNS COUNTY Cultural Resources Review Board

## CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

## REGULAR MEETING

Robert Olson  
Nick Jonihakis  
Janet Jordan  
Susan Schjelderup

Blair Knighting  
Christine Newman  
Leslee Keys



4040 Lewis Speedway  
Conference Room 1

Commissioner Krista Joseph, BCC Liaison  
Ryan Mauch, Staff Liaison

**Monday, August 12, 2024, 1:30 PM**

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8-12-2024 CRRB Meeting audio recording: <https://youtu.be/TmtwHuGNzpc>

### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Nick Jonihakis, Chair  
Christine Newman, Vice Chair  
Janet Jordan  
Susan Schjelderup  
Blair Knighting  
Dr. Leslee Keys

### MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robert Olson

### STAFF PRESENT:

Ryan Mauch, Environmental Supervisor  
Kyrsten Gage, Environmental Specialist  
Michael Lagasse, Environmental Manager  
Kealey West, Office of County Attorney

### PUBLIC PRESENT:

Sallie O'Hara, Hastings Main Street, Inc

- ❖ Called meeting to order at 1:30pm
- ❖ General public comment for items not on the agenda – 3 minutes per speaker
  - None
- ❖ Approval of meeting minutes from April 8<sup>th</sup> (due to no quorum on June 11<sup>th</sup>) and June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - April Minutes, Motion by Dr. Keys seconded by Susan Schjelderup (motion passes 6/0)
  - June Minutes, Motion by Dr. Keys seconded by Christine Newman (motion passes 6/0)
- ❖ Approval of current agenda
  - Motion by Dr. Keys seconded by Janet Jordan (motion passes 6/0)

### AGENDA ITEMS

Public comment for items on the Agenda will be held after each item is addressed by the Board (3 minutes)

1. **O'Brien Estate National Register of Historic Places Nomination Application Update** – Ryan Mauch

- Staff presented the NRHP application details of the O'Brien Estate (FMSF#SJ02931) located at 99 Kelley Lane, in Moultrie, Florida. Staff received an update from the Florida Department of Historical Resources that the application was approved by the Florida National Register Review Board on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and will now go to the Keeper of National Register for review and approval.
- Board Discussion: The board discussed the NRHP application and County staff's review of the significant cultural resource. The Board members expressed interest in potentially viewing the resource onsite. The Board requested that Paul Weaver, the applicant and historic consultant, to present the application to the CRRB at an upcoming meeting, either in October or December 2024.
- Public Comment: None.

## 2. CRRB future meeting dates for FY 2025

- Based on past CRRB meeting frequency, future meeting dates include October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024; December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024; February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025; April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025; June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025; August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The Board approved the meeting dates.
- Board Discussion: Motion by Christine Newman and seconded by Susan Schjelderup (motion passes 6/0)
- Public Comment: None

## 3. Canright House Relocation Project Update

- Staff provided an update on the completed relocation of the Canright House, a significant cultural resource associated with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the National and Local Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s. The structure has been relocated to the northeastern corner of Holmes Blvd and W King Street in West Augustine at Collier-Blocker-Puryear Park. The structure has been repainted on the exterior and publicly accessible ramps have been provided for public tours inside the structure in order to view the significant historic elements of the structure which are the burned flooring and sliding glass door frame with bullet holes, made famous by a nationally circulated photo in the 1960s of Dr. King pointing to the same bullet holes.
- Board Discussion: The Board asked about programming for the structure and the West Augustine CRA, the ACCORD or St. Johns Parks Foundation may be participants in providing tours. The structure is not yet owned by St. Johns County; however, it is currently in the process of changing ownership from the Foundation to the County. The St. Johns County Parks and Recreation Department will be providing the maintenance for the structure. Dr. Keys stated that in connection with the adjacent future location of the Florida Black History Museum just to the west of the Canright House location, there is a potential request to see the house renamed as the ML King Jr. Beach House. Kealey West with the County Attorney's office stated that a name change request could be submitted by CRRB members to the BOCC, however the name may need to remain as the Canright House, due to past ownership and maintenance of continuity and association with the historical record. It is recommended at this time to wait for any recommended name changes until the asset changes hands and is within County ownership.
- Public Comment: Ms. Sallie O'Hara spoke about a design master plan and overlay district for the Hastings Main Street. The owners of the Potato Growers Association are going after an NRHP designation for the building, which is located at the northern end of Hastings Main Street. Board members asked about the Hastings Main Street Master Plan and Ms. O'Hara stated that it is in its infancy.

- ❖ **Board Member Reports:** Dr. Keys spoke about the Florida Museum of Black History and that she had received the John and Sue Renaud Award for National/State/Tribal Leadership to Advance Historic Preservation at the local level at the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions FORUM 2024 conference last week. Susan Schjelderup asked about the status of the letters of support provided by the CRRB members for the 2 recent grant applications to the DHR (for the Vilano to Crescent Beach A1A historic structure survey and Hastings historic document digitization projects). Susan also

asked about an update on ethics by the attorney's office. These letters were submitted along with the DHR grant applications back in May 2024. Blair Knighting stated that staff should be on the look out for the DHR grant review board meeting so that staff can be available for any questions on the applications and recommended listing of grant applications.

❖ **Staff Reports:** The Florida Black History Museum final report (June 2024) is available on the County's website. Board member Leslie Keys spoke briefly about the task force and location of the proposed museum. Staff spoke on the feasibility of the proposed museum location. The environmental specialist-cultural resource review staff position and liaison to the CRRB will hopefully be filled soon, interviews were recently completed by Growth Management, with a potential start date in September 2024. Board members asked about contacting board member Mr. Robert Olson, who may provide an update on the Sinclair Lewis cottage in the Vilano Beach area.

❖ Adjourned at 2:18pm

Minutes approved on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Chair  
Cultural Resource Review Board