

City of Keystone Heights City Council

Heritage Commission Meeting - January 21, 2025

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"Please turn off cell phones"

Call to Order:

Roll Call:

Present: Chair Christine Arnold, Vice-Chair Deirdre Murphy and Helen Hersey

Absent:

Date: Jan 21 2025 (6:00 PM) Video

Call to Order

1. Welcome and introduction of attendees

Chair Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

2. Roll Call

All members present.

Pledge of Allegiance

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Kussler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

4. November 19, 2024

🔗 [2024.11.19 Heritage Commission Minutes.pdf](#)

Co-Chair Murphy moved to approved the November 19, 2024 minutes. Helen Hersey seconded the motion.
The motion carried 3-0.

Old Business

5. City of Keystone Heights Historical Marker Update

Co-Chair Murphy provided a update on the progress of the City of Keystone Heights Historical Marker. The location was approved by City Council in November and the process continues once submitted to Talahassee. Co-Chair Murphy will provide further details when available.

6. Christmas Tour of Homes 2024 Debrief

Co-Chair Murphy spoke highly of the Christmas Tour of Homes that occurred in December of 2024. Co-Chair Murphy stated that the Women's Club sold approximately 150 tickets for the event and thanked all who were involved. Co-Chair Murphy encouraged newspapers be used to advertise the next event as not all individuals have Facebook or use the city website to obtain their local information.

Co-Chair Murphy suggested doing the Tour of Homes every other year or every three years as it would build up anticipation and allow the Heritage Commission to identify other potential homes that may be interested in participating in the event.

Co-Chair Murphy moved to do the Tour of Homes every other year. Helen Hersey seconded the motion. **The motion carried 3-0.**

[7. Shadowbox Memorials for Police Officers and Volunteer Fire Department](#)

Chair Arnold stated that the Fire Department had a reunion and Councilman Tony Brown was to discuss what should be in the shadowbox memorial with those attendees. The measurement of the shadowboxes will be 3x3. Chair Arnold would like to present these at the Florida Chautauqua and Pop-Up Museum event to occur in March of 2025.

Rescheduling of Events

[8. Artifacts Inventory](#)

The artifacts inventory has been rescheduled to 2/20/25 at 9:30 AM.

[9. Florida Chautauqua and Pop-Up Museum Event](#)

The Florida Chautauqua and Pop-Up Museum Event has been rescheduled for March 8th and 9th, 2025.

New Business

[10. Fourth Grade Field Trip: March 6, 2025](#)

The Heritage Commission discussed the Fourth Grade Field Trip scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2025. McRae Elementary will be invited to attend this event in addition to Keystone Heights Elementary.

The event will run similarly to 2024 however times for each station need to be no longer than ten minutes to provide enough time for students to travel to each location.

[11. Souvenirs](#)

Chair Arnold provided all souvenirs from last year's event to Event Coordinator Drew Bell for organization. Event Coordinator Bell suggested regular meetings to help organize and support the Heritage Commission with this event.

[12. Supplies and Inventory](#)

The Heritage Commission has scheduled a date of February 20th, 2025 to take a physical inventory of items and supplies.

[13. Andy the Whooping Crane Project](#)

Chair Arnold discussed Andy the Whooping Crane, who was a real bird that lived in Keystone Heights in the 1930s. He was known for attacking pedestrians and causing trouble around town. The city council at the time even had to discuss what to do with him. Chair Arnold found a letter from the city council about Andy and wrote a children's story about him and plans to include the story in the goodie bags for the fourth-grade field trip. She also wants to use Andy as the mascot for a public art exhibit featuring fiberglass whooping cranes decorated by local artists.

Announcements and Open Discussion

[14. Upcoming events and opportunities](#)

Historical Marker Update: The historical marker for Keystone Heights has been approved by the city council and is now being processed by the state. The commission hopes to have the marker unveiled in 2025 for the city's centennial year.

Christmas Tour of Homes: The commission discussed the success of the recent Christmas Tour of Homes and decided to hold the tour every other year to build anticipation and ensure homeowner participation.

Chautauqua Event: The commission is planning a two-day Chautauqua event with speakers, artists, music, and possibly poetry readings. They are seeking volunteers to help coordinate the event and are exploring the possibility of including a spiritual component.

Fourth Grade Field Trip: The commission is planning a field trip for fourth graders on April 24, 2025.

Public Art Exhibit: The commission is considering a public art exhibit featuring fiberglass whooping cranes decorated by local artists. This would be a unique way to celebrate the city's history and attract visitors.

Inventory of City Artifacts: The commission plans to inventory all of the city's memorabilia and artifacts to preserve them for future generations February 20th, 2025 at 9:30 AM.

Heritage Commission Meetings: The commission will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities: The commission is always looking for volunteers to help with their various projects and events.

Adjournment

[15. Adjournment](#)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 PM.