



HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

October 3, 2024

5:30 PM

Administration Building,
4th Floor, BCC Meeting Room, 477 Houston Street,
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the September 5, 2024 Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Public Comment

Old Business

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- D. Middleburg Museum/Civic Center - Gerard Casale

New Business

Certificates of Approval

Public Comment

Staff Comments

Board Member's Comments

Adjournment

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Agenda Item
HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

Clay County Administration Building
Thursday, October 3 5:30 PM

TO: Historic Preservation
Board

DATE: 9/20/2024

FROM: Beth Carson, Director
of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Minutes from the September Historic Preservation Board Meeting

AGENDA ITEM TYPE:

ATTACHMENTS:

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Minutes from the September 5, 2024 HPB Meeting	Backup Material	9/30/2024	Historic_Preservation_Meeting_Minutes_and_Attachments_September_5__2024.ADA.pdf



HISTORIC PRESERVATION MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2024

5:30 PM

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Call to Order

Present: Billy Gould, Chairman
Deirdre Murphy, Vice-Chairman
Dr. Maureen Jung
Melissa Clearman
Randy Harris
Gerard Casale @ 5:35 pm

Absent: Beth Carson, Director of Planning and Zoning

Staff Present: Laura Hanson, Zoning Tech II

Chairman Billy Gould called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 1, 2024 Historic Preservation Board Meeting

Dr. Maureen Jung made a motion for approval of the August 1, 2024, HPB minutes, seconded by Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy, which carried 5-0.

Public Comment

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 5:32 pm.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 5:32 pm.

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Historic Marker updates can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September 5, 2024](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September%205,%202024), beginning at 1:55 and ending at 38:05. Below is a summary of the discussion and vote.

Middleburg Colored School Update:

Dr. Maureen Jung addressed the Board to provide an update regarding the Middleburg Colored School and the drafted marker text under review.

Fort 11 Update:

Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy addressed the Board to provide information regarding her portion of the Fort 11 update.

Upon arrival, Gerard Casale addressed the Board to provide details and information from research he pursued regarding Fort 11. The information discussed is attached to the agenda.

There were questions and discussions regarding the precise location of Fort 11, placement for a marker, consolidation of the information for the Board, and using metal detectors.

Keystone Heights Update:

Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy addressed the Board to provide details and information regarding the Keystone Heights marker update. There is a meeting set with the Keystone Heights City Council to discuss the marker and request approval for placement.

St. Mary's Episcopal Church Update:

Gerard Casale and Ms. Pat Garlinghouse addressed the Board to provide an update regarding the St. Mary's Episcopal Church. The information discussed can be found attached to the agenda.

There were questions and discussions regarding the text/language provided, moving forward, visit to the site, location of the marker, MOU with the City, and the research done to provide information about the church and language for the marker.

Following all discussions, Gerard Casale made a motion for approval of the language, seconded by Dr. Maureen Jung, which carried 6-0.

Middleburg Museum/Civic Center Update:

Ruth Paine, 4030 Lazy Acres Road, Middleburg, Florida, was invited to the floor to address the Board to provide an overview and details regarding the Middleburg/Civic Center update and application. See Attachment A.

There were questions and discussions regarding missing records, WPA project verification, donation of the property and deed, articles relating to the property, researching the Masonic Lodge, built in the 1880s, to have a marker, the need for any additional documentation for the Middleburg/Civic Center and clarification for the details.

New Business

New Business discussion can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September 5, 2024](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September%205,%202024), beginning at 38:06 and ending at 44:30. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor to discuss any new business.

There were comments, questions, and discussions regarding funding for training, the program discussed previously for the web-based training (National Alliance of Preservation), the correct amount for the training, allocation for funding and maintenance for historical markers and partnering with the American Legion.

Public Comment

Chairman Billy Gould opened the floor for public comment at 6:15 pm.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Billy Gould closed public comment at 6:15 pm.

*There was public comment during the new business discussion.

Staff Comments

There were no staff comments.

Board Member's Comments

Board Member comments can be seen at [www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September 5, 2024](http://www.claycountygov.com/government/clay-county-tv-and-video-archive/committees/Historic-Preservation-Board/September%205,%202024), beginning at 44:41 and ending at 49:37. Below is a summary of the discussion.

Dr. Maureen Jung had no comments.

Vice-Chairman Deirdre Murphy mentioned Keystone Heights will host a Historic Round Table on November 2, 2024, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Keystone Heights Pavilion.

Gerard Casale mentioned the difficulties of researching the Middleburg/Civic Center to search the vault for information due to the relocation of documents to the annex and electrical issues.

Randy Harris mentioned the two copies of the book he received, Graven Images about Augusta Savage, and offered the other copy if anyone wanted to borrow it.

Melissa Clearman had no comments.

Chairman Billy Gould had no comments.

Adjournment

Hearing no further business, Chairman Billy Gould adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

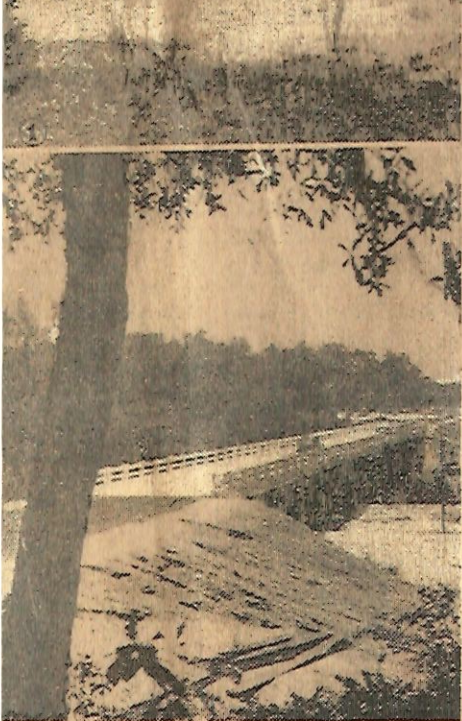
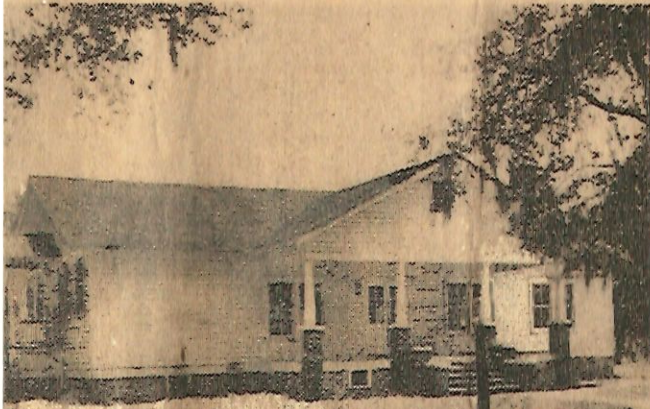
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Committee Chairman

Recording Deputy Clerk

Attachment
“A”
Middleburg/Civic Center
Information

MILITARY HIGHWAY TO BLANDING AWAKENS MIDDLEBURG FROM SOMNOLENT LETHARGY



Successful and historic Middleburg, which celebrated its 100th anniversary close of World War I, has been awakened by World War II and the

Peaceful and historic Middleburg, which celebrated its 100th anniversary at the close of World War I, has been awakened by World War II and the new military highway to Camp Blanding, which passes through the sleepy village, the scene of Seminole Indian Wars and the War Between the States.

When the new road from Jacksonville to Green Cove Springs was built a couple of decades ago, Middleburg became almost isolated, but the new Camp Blanding highway, opened a few weeks ago, has given the village new life. The WPA assisted in building the military highway.

Residents of Middleburg expect a lot of Jacksonville people to visit there this summer and during the months to come. It is a nice Sunday afternoon ride from Jacksonville, and there are many fine places for picnics, and a few very interesting places to see.

(No. 1.) The Middleburg Community Center, recently completed by the WPA. (No. 2) A stretch of the Camp Blanding highway, approaching the old village. (No. 3) The Middleburg public school, also was built by the WPA. (No. 4) One of the bridges on the military highway. This spans Black Creek, where the famous racing yacht America ran the blockade off the St. Johns River in 1862. It was sunk at Taylor's Landing on Black Creek to prevent capture by the Federal Army. It was discovered by the Federal troops a month later, was raised and put into service by the Federal forces. (No. 5) Historic home of Middleburg Lodge No. 107, F. & A. M. This was built more than a half century ago, and meetings of the Masonic craft have been held there twice a month since it was erected. (No. 6) The Middleburg Methodist Church, erected in 1847. It was built by slave labor. The original bell is still in use. (No. 7) The old Clark house was erected in 1835 for Captain Clark and his staff. It was occupied by officers serving under Generals Scott and Jesup in the Indian campaign. It also was used by Union officers during the Civil War. The house is now the property of Dr. F. C. Copp of Jacksonville. Dr. Copp's grandmother, Mrs. M. A. Chalker, lived in the house 90 years. She died five years ago.

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THE MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION

By Edna McDonald

It was on April 19, 1937 that Mr. & Mrs. F. W. Budington deeded a parcel of land on Palmetto Ave. to the Clay County Commissioners to be used as grounds on which a canning center and a recreation hall was to be built.

The building and original chairs were built by WPA and on November 15, 1938, a committee held its first meeting to make rules and regulations for a "Community Home". Those attending the first meeting were Mr. & Mrs. A. W. Budd, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Masters, Mrs. Alice Masters, Mrs. Gussie Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Budington, Mr. Joe Huntley and Mr. L.E. Gnann.

However, it was not until July 1941 that a temporary Executive Committee was appointed to draw up a charter and by-laws. The name was changed to "Middleburg Civic Association". Of the 15 members on the Executive Committee, only 5 are still living and only one, Mrs. Ione Huntley, is a current member of the Association. Of the other 55 (1941 members), Mr. & Mrs. James McDonald are the only ones currently members.

The Civic Association throughout the years has done much to cooperate with and assist in coordinating the efforts of all similar organizations and individuals for the promotion of the Civic benefit of the Community.

In 1943, a 20 Ft. air craft Warning Service Tower was built. It was named by volunteer workers under the leadership of Mr. A. W. Budd who was Chief Observer.

Among the many achievements of the Civic Organization throughout the years, has been sponsoring the Volunteer Fire Dept. until it could operate independently; completing the building designated as a Canning Center and turning it into a District Health Center, later leasing it to the Public Health Nursing Advisory Council.

We were responsible for the 1st additions to the crowded school rooms, for getting the State Highway Dept. to put "Black Creek" signs on either end of the bridge, and also "Middleburg" signs at the intersections. (Continued page 3)

THE MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION (Continued from page 1)

It was through our untiring efforts that Main St. was paved and also Palmetto Ave. and Wharf St. We bought the first street signs and gave the dwellings their first members.

We sponsored an Observation Post for the Civil Air Patrol. We now sponsor boy scouts and girl scouts, the Community Involvement Program, and the Clay County Counseling and Education Center. We procured the first garbage dump in this area.

We took part in the bi-centennial, July 4, 1976 and have held a parade with other festivities each 4th since.

The building has been used for Political Rallies, wedding receptions, bridal showers, baby showers, fish fries, chicken suppers, a First Aid Class, Home Demonstration, Garden Club, 4H Club, Dance Classes, Music Classes, Church Services, Drug Seminar, Variety Shows, Womanless wedding, Fashion Show, Movies, Square Dances.

The Civic Association has served its community well and will continue to have the welfare of the whole community at heart.

If you live in Middleburg, we invite you to join us. We meet the first Monday night of each month at 8:00 P.M. Our dues are only \$2.00 per year. You are most welcome as a visitor or member. Let's work together to make Middleburg a town to be proud of.

WOMAN'S WAY

When I build my better world, I know one thing that is going to be outlawed. That is woman's intuition.

Take the little matter of starting the car on a cold morning. I am standing in the garage, already 20 minutes



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