

## July 9, 2024 PAST Board (Virtual) Meeting

Zoom meeting began with the following people in attendance: Marie Prentice, Guy Prentice, Fred Gaske, Hank Kratt, Lonnie Mann, and Lee Yawn. Jeff Mitchem and Heather Young were not in attendance. It needs to be noted, however, that Jeff attempted to join the meeting but was unable to connect with Zoom.

Marie opened the meeting by discussing the continuance of the Goodwood agreement to host PAST meetings at the Jubilee Cottage. It was unanimously agreed that the support that PAST receives from Goodwood at only \$50 a meeting was worth continuing. Fred was asked to work with JoAnn Bixler to arrange for another year of venue use to run through June 2025 with Fred and Lonnie serving as contacts.

Discussion of this topic brought up the problem which PAST Zoom meetings have been experiencing using the projection equipment that Goodwood has been providing. Guy was asked to look into buying a new projector for PAST meetings and offer suggestions in time to purchase the equipment during Amazon Prime day.

Next on the agenda was the Levy Park racetrack artifact identification event that will be held at the Senior Center on Tuesday July 16<sup>th</sup>. Fred, Hank, Marie, Guy, and Lonnie are all expected to be in attendance as will John Turner.

The next topic of discussion was Tatiana Daguillard's written comments of July 5, 2024 regarding Agenda Item Consent #8 Approval of the Plat for Bradford Hills-Phase 1 and her concern regarding the apparent lack of sufficient consideration of the impacts such a development will have on the cultural resources on the property and lobbied for cultural resource investigations to be conducted on the property. Support was forthcoming from Tallahassee Historical Society Preseident Bob Holiday and Althemese Barns. A support letter drafted by Lonnie was also submitted to add PAST as additional supporters. Lonnie then attended the next County Commission meeting where he was given 3 minutes to speak on the subject but received no responses from the commissioners in attendance.

This was followed by Marie's announcement that after she serves as the president of PAST for the 2024-2025 season, she would be stepping down. She said that she no longer wanted to be in charge of finding speakers for each month's meetings. Hank suggested that perhaps PAST should form a speaker committee to take the burden off of the president.

At that point, the meeting then turned to a discussion on future PAST meeting presenters. The following talks are currently being scheduled for the 2024-2025 season:

- September – Guy will present on either Gray Cottage or R. A. Shine
- October – Marie Prentice and Kimberlyn Elliot of MFH will jointly present on the original Tallahassee town square and related artifacts.
- November - Jeff Mitchem will talk about the history of Florida's State Archaeologists.
- Sometime during the 2024/2025 season Jerry Lee has agreed to give a presentation on the Apalachee midden feature they he has been excavating these past few months at Mission San Luis.

The meeting ended with a brief mention that Fred and Guy would be participating in the Zoom meeting that was arranged by Ashley Edwards (Tal Parks) for 11:00 am, July 10, to discuss the proposed placement of a marker in Tallahassee sponsored by the Muskogee Creek Nation to commemorate their historic association with north Florida.