

Minutes
Historic Preservation Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

September 27, 2011

Attending:

Committee Members

Dennis Billew, Chairman
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Walter Hudson
Mabel Jenkins
Rob Leebern
Mark Smith
Earl Barrs, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Phyllis Johnson
Ray Lambert
Aaron McWhorter
Loyce Turner
Jim Waltes
Steven Woodruff

Visitors

Kevin Chapman, Georgia Southern University
Sue Moore, Georgia Southern University
Matt Newberry, Georgia Southern University
Glenn Ivie, Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites
Walter Jones, Morris News Service
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Katie Kirkpatrick, Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
Andy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks & Historic Sites
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Leah Barnett, Georgia Conservancy
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Allen Barnes
Todd Holbrook
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Becky Kelley
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Wally Woods
Steve Friedman
Terry West
Lauren Curry
Karl Burgess
Danny Tatum
Emily Hitchcock
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Sally Winchester
Joe Yeager
Bryan Tucker
Mary Ann Evans
Hellen Harris

The September 27, 2011 meeting of the Historic Preservation Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Earl Barrs.

Chairman Barrs called on Dennis Billew, Chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee. Mr. Billew called on Dave Crass, Director, Historic Preservation Division (HPD).

Dr. Crass read a letter from C. H. Knox, a Camp Lawton Prisoner of War, to his wife dated November 14, 1864. He stated that the letter was discovered on an auction site and acquired by Georgia Southern University.

Dr. Crass introduced Sue Moore, Matthew Newberry and Kevin Chapman from Georgia Southern University, and applauded them on their archaeological work at Camp Lawton. He then called on Kevin Chapman for a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Chapman's PowerPoint included the interior view of the Stockade, Shebangs and Oven and a projected location and excavation target. He stated that ground penetrating radar was used to locate the Civil War stockade at Magnolia Springs State Park.

Mr. Chapman stated that the discovery of Camp Lawton is very important because there were 10,000 encampments during the Civil War, 1,000 battlefields across the nation; approximately 36 major prisons in the Confederacy; and of those, 18 were stockades. He added that out of those 18 stockades, Camp Lawton is the only one left.

Dr. Crass stated that the Secretary of the Interior presented the very prestigious Partners in Conservation Award to Georgia Southern University, the Department of Natural Resources and the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service for the Camp Lawton Project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.