

**CITY OF APALACHICOLA  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

November 17, 2020 AT 5:00 PM

Community Center  
1 Bay Avenue

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. AGENDA ADOPTION**
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** *ACTION ITEM*
  - A. October 20, 2020
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- V. CRA BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**
- VI. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**
- VII. FINANCE DIRECTOR COMMENTS** *ACTION ITEM*
  - A. 2019 Annual Report Approval
  - B. 2020 Annual Report Update
  - C. CRA Board Training Cost
  - D. CRA Job Recruitment Update
- VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** *ACTION ITEM*
  - A. Project Updates: Mayor Begos
  - B. CRA Plan Review – Commissioner Grove
    - 1. Introduction and CRA History
    - 2. Planning, Planning Constraints and Strategies
- IX. NEW BUSINESS** *ACTION ITEM*
  - A. CRA Training Synopsis
  - B. Strategy for 2019/2020 and 2020/2021 Projects
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

**APALACHICOLA COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**  
**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**  
**Meeting Date: November 17, 2020**

**SUBJECT:** Final Copy for Slave Cabins Historical Marker

**AGENDA INFORMATION:**

**Agenda Location:** Unfinished Business, Item A

**Presenter:** Mayor Begos

**BRIEF SUMMARY:** Experts in DEP’s Division of State Parks have reviewed the proposed copy and suggested several small changes. They feel it is better to refer to “enslaved people” as opposed to slaves, and use “Slave Cabins” as opposed to Slave Quarters.

Underlined copy are adds; Strikethru are deletions.

Orman House Slave Cabins

At least 36 enslaved people ~~slaves~~ lived in ~~four or five~~ a number of shacks here, ~~behind~~ around the mansion of Thomas Orman, a merchant, and his wife Sarah. They were Apalachicola’s largest slaveholders.

Records from the era contain some names and skills of people who lived here, but many details are unknown.

One man had coopering (barrel making) skills, while Old Harriet “had some fame as a Cancer doctor and cured many bed sores so that persons from the County, as well as the town came to her.” Some of the ~~African Americans~~ enslaved people also worked in Orman family businesses downtown.

The families that lived here included Susan and Dave, who were the parents of Bemar, Ezekiel, Dave, Susan, Flora, and a child. Mary was mother to Jim, Johanna, Augustus, and Tom. Charity had ~~her~~ six children: July, Henry, Putnam, Amy, Louise, and Fuller. Ann was mother to Wesley.

Other people were Antonett, Jerry and three children; “Old Mary Jones,” and Milton, who was a manservant to Orman’s son William before and during the Civil War.

On Sunday Nov. 29, 1863 Union troops came to free the Orman slaves. A ~~family letter said a~~ Union officer told the Orman’s that the enslaved people’s “mothers had a better right to the children ~~than we had.~~” The Orman’s replied “we raised their mothers.”

**FUNDING SOURCE:** CRA

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

**STAFF’S COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:**