

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-31**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA; SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED SERVICE OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION; CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE AND MISSION OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes § 125.01(1)(f) provides that the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) may establish historical commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has exercised this power through adoption of several preceding Resolutions that created and modified the Pinellas County Historical Commission (the “Historical Commission”), the most recent being RESOLUTION NO. 00-214: RESOLUTION CHANGING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PINELLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION FROM SEVEN TO NINE MEMBERS . . . , which as the title suggests, only amended RESOLUTION NO. 94-43: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE PINELLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION to change the number and term length of members on the Historical Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, accordingly, the purpose and mission of the Historical Commission as set forth in RESOLUTION NO. 94-43 has not been altered by any subsequent County Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, after the Board established the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board through ORDINANCE NO. 08-11, the role of the Historical Commission narrowed in scope such that RESOLUTION NO. 94-43 no longer accurately depicts the Historical Commission’s activities and public service; and

**WHEREAS**, the Historical Commission has become solely an advisory board pertaining to affairs at Pinellas County Heritage Village (“Heritage Village”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the historic and cultural significance of Heritage Village and its intrinsic value to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes that it remains in the public interest to provide for the Historical Commission to preserve and enhance Heritage Village; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board desires to accentuate the evolved purpose and mission of the Historical Commission in this Resolution accordingly.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida that:

SECTION 1. The membership of the Historical Commission shall consist of the following members who shall serve without compensation:

a. The Historical Commission shall consist of nine members. Each of the seven Board commissioners shall nominate one member for appointment by the Board. In addition, the Junior League of Clearwater/Dunedin (“Junior League”) and the Pinellas County Historical Society (“Historical Society”) shall each appoint one member.

b. All members shall serve four-year terms, without limitation on the number of terms they may serve. The term of a member appointed by the Board shall run concurrently with the term of that member’s nominating commissioner. The term of the members appointed by the Junior League and the Historical Society shall run for four years from the actual date of appointment. Members shall serve at the pleasure of his or her respective appointer, be it the Board, Junior League, or Historical Society, and may be removed from membership at any time by same. Any vacancy in membership for an unexpired portion of a term shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as appointment for a full term.

c. In selecting and appointing nominees, the Board, Junior League, and Historical Society shall consider the interest and knowledge of a nominee in the history, culture, lore, and development of Pinellas County. Each nominee’s availability, background, and education shall be such as to qualify said nominee to assist the Historical Commission in carrying out its responsibilities under this Resolution.

d. The Historical Commission shall annually elect a chair at the Historical Commission’s first meeting of the calendar year.

SECTION 2. The Historical Commission shall meet at least four times per calendar year. To the extent possible, these meetings shall be held quarterly. At least one meeting per year shall be held at Heritage Village, which is located at 11909 125<sup>th</sup> Street N, Largo, FL 33774. At least one meeting per year shall be held at another site of historic significance in the County, which may vary from year-to-year. To encourage public interest and participation, the Historical Commission shall consider citizen proposals to meet at particular sites of historic significance in the County.

SECTION 3. The Historical Commission shall assist the Board and County Administrator in strictly an advisory capacity by:

- a. recommending policy and procedures necessary for the general operation of Heritage Village;
- b. recommending specific maintenance and improvements for Heritage Village;
- c. recommending objects, records, facilities, and any other items of historic significance for transportation to, inclusion in, and/or promotion within, Heritage Village; and
- d. hearing concerns raised by the public, Board, or County Administrator regarding Heritage Village.

SECTION 4. A reasonable annual appropriation to support the Historical Commission may be made at the request of the Historical Commission to the County Administrator. If granted, this appropriation shall be included in the County Department of Parks and Conservation Resources Budget to be expended at the discretion of the Historical Commission.

SECTION 5. Like Heritage Village, the Historical Commission serves the residents of both the unincorporated County and its municipalities. Therefore, this Resolution shall have countywide effect to the extent consistent with the County Charter and municipal law.

SECTION 6. This Resolution shall become effective as provided by law and is intended to replace all prior County Resolutions which relate to the Historical Commission and the terms therein. Accordingly, RESOLUTIONS NO. 00-214, 94-43, 93-332, 89-520, 82-600, and any other County Resolutions in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

In a regular meeting duly assembled on the 10th day of May, 2016, Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_  
Long offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by  
Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ Morrioni \_\_\_\_\_, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Justice, Long, Eggers, Gerard, Seel, and Morrioni.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Welch.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
Office of the County Attorney