

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Institute of Museum & Library Services grant-Central Florida Memory Project

DEPARTMENT: Library & Leisure Services **DIVISION:** Administration

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Agenda Date <u>3/9/04</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing - 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing - 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve participation as a partner in Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS) federal grant project and authorize Chairman to write a letter of support.

BACKGROUND:

The University of Central Florida (UCF) has requested the participation of the Museum of Seminole County History on an IMLS grant project. UCF is coordinating the Central Florida Memory Project, whereby historic photographs are made available on the internet. Only those collections that have been imaged and cataloged are being considered. Other participants are the Orange County Library System and the Orange County Regional History Center. There is no monetary commitment on the part of the County.

The application deadline is March 15, 2004. A letter of support from Seminole County has been requested by UCF, as well as a partnership statement.

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
DCM: <u>SS</u>
CM: <u>JK</u>
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Partnership Statement

1. Applicant Organization: University of Central Florida Libraries
Partner member (organization): Museum of Seminole County History

2. Briefly list the activities that each organization has agreed to perform:

Applicant Organization:

As the lead organization, the University of Central Florida (UCF) Libraries will provide in-kind contributions to the mission and goals of Central Florida Memory, including staff time and expertise in project planning and management, selection of objects for inclusion, furnishing descriptive information needed for metadata cataloging, coordination of image production, web design, and maintenance of the digital collection, supervision of metadata creation, and active participation on the various working groups and committees. Through IMLS funded activities, the UCF Libraries will provide preparation, scanning and metadata cataloging activities, insuring that all appropriate standards are met.

Partner Organization:

As a partner organization, the Museum of Seminole County History will provide in-kind contributions to the mission and goals of Central Florida Memory, including staff time and expertise in project planning, selection of objects as candidates for inclusion in the digital collection, furnishing descriptive information needed for metadata cataloging, and active participation on the various working groups and committees.

3. We, the undersigned institutions, agree to all of the following:
 - We will carry out the activities described above and in the Application Narrative;
 - We will use any funds we receive from IMLS in accordance with applicable federal laws and regulations; and
 - We assure that our facilities and programs comply with applicable federal requirements.

Signature of Authorizing Official

Partner Organization (Type or Print)

Name of Authorizing Official (Type or Print)

Date

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LIBRARY AND LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT



March 9, 2004

Robert S. Martin, PhD
Director
Institute of Museum and Library Services
1100 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Room 802
Washington, DC 20506

Dear Dr. Martin:

I am writing in support of the Central Florida Memory Project and strongly urge that it be awarded a National Leadership Grant for Library and Museum Collaborations. Central Florida Memory is a strong regional and national model of how museum/library partnerships can benefit the community. The Central Florida area is one that is in constant transition. Rapid population growth, turnover and immigration have created a community without a sense of itself.

By digitizing and providing ready access to historic images and documents of the area, Central Florida Memory is a tool that helps create a sense of identity for the Central Florida region and its citizens. Travel dairies, photographs, maps and other resources can be viewed at home or in schools, bringing history alive for students, families and researchers, changing the way many citizens view the history of Central Florida. Site visitors are introduced with rich, varied history preceding the eras of theme parks, booming population and the Space Center.

Since the Central Florida Memory website launched on May 21, 2003, over 16,000 people have accessed the site <http://centralfloridamemory.lib.ucf.edu>. I encourage you to consider this worthwhile project because of the strong contribution it make to our community in providing learning opportunities and in bringing together exciting collections illustrating the rich heritage of our area.

Sincerely,

Daryl McLain
Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners