

Minutes of the January 26, 2026 OVIS Meeting

Those in attendance were: Brian Smith, Connie Rieben, Jim Wiesner, Courtney Klein, Todd Guarino, Barry Salus, Ron Girard, and Steve Krout.

The meeting was convened at 7 PM at the Ozona Brewing Company (OBC).

The Minutes of January 5, 2026 OVIS Meeting were approved.

Jim provided a financial report documenting the revenues and expenditures with a current balance of \$21,749.13.

Brian reported at the Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board meeting of January 21 that Board had approved the Certificate of Appropriateness or COA. The COA documents the improvements to the hall due to the storm damage. Todd provided a detailed report on the repositioning of hall on the lot along with the repairs to damages from the storm. The hall will be raised 4 feet and moved to the east away from the drainage area. There will be a continuous concrete block foundation with flood vents to support this elevation. ADA ramps will be provided and a driveway with crushed shell will be installed with a concrete apron on the street side. These details and more are documented in the approved COA report. Todd indicated this report will be the guideline now for further approval steps required through the permit process. The Board indicated their support for the project direction.

Brian indicated OVIS will continue with its monthly meetings at the OBC with the dates being February 23, March 23, and April 27.

The group then talked about the February 7 fundraiser. It was agreed to have a fundraiser for the hall improvement on that date and proceeded to define the details. The event will be hosted at the Ozona Brewing Company and would be in the afternoon from 2 to 5 PM. The group spend some time defining the details of this fundraiser event. It was recognized that although OVIS has a state grant for the hall improvements there are unfunded details once the construction project is completed and money is needed for those details.

It was agreed that the next newsletter would be issued in March. At that time there will be more details available on the various activities connected with the hall project.

There being no further business to take up, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.