



# Travis County Historical Commission

Travis County Historical Commission  
Minutes of October 13, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, October 13, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. in the County Commissioners' Courtroom of the Granger Building. Chair Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:02 and declared a quorum present. Barry distributed a Formal Request for Re-Appointment to each member present and asked that they complete the forms and bring to next month's meeting. Bill Beare will notarize the forms and they will be presented to the County Commissioners in the hopes that the members can be reappointed as a group in January.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Nora Jackson, Bill Beare, Margarine Beaman, Nancy Hamilton, Marty Moulthrop, Bob Ward, Vonnys Rice-Gardner, May Schmidt, David White, Sarah Harriman, Patti Hansen, Jane Manaster, Faith Weaver and Carolyn Jones.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Marjorie Alford, Rosemary Morrow, Vicky Worsham, Adrienne Isom.

**CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**CALL, RECEIVE INFORMATION, TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON:**

Introduction of new members and guests: Guest: Historian Phoebe Allen

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** The September minutes were corrected to indicate that the money received from Mrs. Flachmeier is to be used for "history projects", not necessarily for teaching history. They were approved as corrected on a motion by Bill Beare. The June minutes were also approved as previously mailed, on a motion by Margarine Beaman.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nancy Hamilton stated that we have a new budget, which is the same as the previous year's budget. We have been asked to supply the cakes for Travis History Day on October 15<sup>th</sup>, at an estimated cost of about \$40. We have money to cover this expense in our Compass Bank account, which came from book sales. After discussion, members felt that this was probably not legal and it was decided that members could voluntarily donate money to purchase the cakes. Nancy will buy them and bring them on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Historic Markers:** Marty Moulthrop presented the applications for Recorded Texas Historic Landmark designation for the Helena and Robert Ziller House, 800 Edgecliff Terrace, and the

Frederick and Cecilia Matsen House, 1800 San Gabriel, for approval. Both applications were prepared by Phoebe Allen and she gave a brief summary of the background on each property. Marty moved that the Ziller House application be approved. Motion seconded by Bob Ward and passed. Marty moved that the Matsen House application be approved. Motion seconded by Margarine Beaman and passed. The third application was for a Historic Cemetery marker for Dessau Cemetery. Marty moved that this application be approved. Motion seconded by Margarine Beaman and passed. Marty will proceed to submit these three applications to the Texas Historical Commission.

Historic Cemeteries: Bob Ward will be our liaison for cemeteries to the THC.

#### DEDICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Dedications: David White announced that Rose Hill Cemetery will have its marker dedication on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at 10:30. Also on October 23 the Sing Family Home marker will be unveiled at 3:00 p.m. Members are invited.

Marker Maintenance: none since last meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Marjorie Alford was absent.

#### PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT: Patti Hansen

African-American Schools: Margarine Beaman and Jane Manaster are working on editing the book.

Mexican-American Schools: Bill Beare is working on researching several schools.

History of Travis CHC: Bill working on it.

Travis CHC Website: events have been added to the calendar. Members are encouraged to view the website periodically.

Essay Contest: Vonnye Rice-Gardner reported that it is underway.

CLG Committee: Bob Ward reported that about 30 copies of the book on the Northeast Travis County survey have been printed. Patti Hansen suggested that Bob take a copy to the UT Web Project mentioned in last month's minutes.

OTHER BUSINESS: Margarine Beaman has boxes of Travis CHC records stored in her garage, including several years of history essays from previous contests and various research papers. Several members expressed interest in reviewing the items. She also has a copy of "A History of Austin Churches" by Bruno Schmidt. Bob Ward volunteered to take it to the Travis County printing office to ask if they will print about 25 copies for us.

#### CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

\* Barry announced that Joseph Beck Cemetery application has been cancelled because of lack of response and Maxey Cemetery has received a Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

\* On October 30, Texas Archeology Month will be celebrated at the French Legation, with activities and tours from 1 to 5 p.m. May Schmidt noted that Texas Archeology Month is sponsored in many counties by their county historical commission. The members felt this is appropriate and something we would like to do for next year.

\* On October 15, as previously noted, we will co-sponsor the third annual Travis County History Day, at the Granger Building, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Noted historian Dr. Frank de la Teja will speak and there will be refreshments. Members attending are urged to wear their Travis CHC name badge.

\* The ceremony celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Hood's Brigade monument on the Capitol grounds will be at 2:00 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

\* October 19: There will be a genealogy workshop in Boerne sponsored by the Texas Hill Country Trail Region.

\* December 4: There will be an open house at the Levi Jordan plantation in Brazoria County from 10 a.m. to 2 pm.

\* Next year, 2011, will be the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Republic of Texas.

\* An exhibit celebrating 135 years of Huston-Tillotson University opens tomorrow at the George Washington Carver Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marty Moulthrop  
Interim Secretary