



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Granger Building, Austin, Texas. Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present.

Members present: Marty Moulthrop, May Schmidt, Nancy Hamilton, Sarah Harriman, Rosemary Morrow, Margarine Beeman, Bob Ward, Barry Hutcheson, Adrienne Rison-Isom and Patti Hansen. Members absent: David White, Vonnys Rice-Gardner, Carolyn Jones, Marjorie Alford, Nora Jackson and Bill Beare.

Minutes: The minutes of the October meeting were approved as sent to the members on a motion by Sarah Harriman, seconded by Rosemary Morrow.

Report from the Chair: Barry reported that several members attended the recent Travis County History Day observance. Bob suggested that we consider applying for a grant to help the County put historical pictures of officials, documents and clippings on the County website; these were displayed at the County History Day function and were of great interest to those present. Patti added that the Texas Tribune has an extensive database of every public official and entity in Texas, which could be useful in such a project. (TexasTribune.org). Barry will write a letter of tribute to Christie Moilanen, County Archivist, for her fine work on the displays for County History Day.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported no changes. It was noted that we have enough money for purchase a nametag for each Commission member. Members were asked to let Nancy know if they do not have one and she will place an order.

Research Committee: May reported that all the previously approved marker applications for this cycle have been forwarded to THC and the application fees paid. She presented the following marker applications for approval; all have been reviewed by her committee: 1) RTHL for 605 W. 11th Street (This is already a City Landmark.) 2) subject marker for Confederate Pension Board, whose leftover funds were used to build the State Supreme Court building and others. 3) subject marker for Zavala Elementary School. These applications were approved on a motion by Patti Hansen, seconded by Marty Moulthrop, and passed. May has also received an application for a subject marker for Manor United Methodist Church; however, she did not recommend this one as it is incomplete. The sponsors will be encouraged to submit a completed application next year.

Projects Committee: The awards ceremony for the essay contest will be on November 29th and members are encouraged to attend. It will be at 11:15 in the Student Life Center Building at

ACC's Riverside Campus. On the subject of the African American Schools project, Barry will return the files to Margarine for further work.

Markers Committee: In the absence of David White, Barry reported that several members attended the marker dedication for the Confederate Men's Home on October 22nd. Also, David has made a list of 25 markers needing restoration; he will send the list to the members to ascertain who can help.

CLG Committee: Bob reported that the Webberville Survey grant has finally been approved (apparently having fallen through the cracks) and the work will be done by Hicks & Company. He explained that due to the limited amount of the grant and the time crunch, the County decided to forego the bid process. Future grants, with enough time to work with, will go through the bid process, even though this is not mandatory for small grants. Patti stated that she feels it is important to vary the selection of historians for grant projects. Another grant application, for the Ransom Williams Farmstead, was submitted in late October to the THC.

Announcements/Correspondence: Barry has received notice from THC of new interpretive signage, as well as a brochure, which will tell the story of the Crystal City Family Internment Camp during World War II. This will be presented to the public on November 10th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop

Secretary