



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Courtroom of the Granger Building, Austin, Texas. Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was declared at 5:40 p.m.

Attendance: Members present were: Barry Hutcheson, Marty Moulthrop, Bob Ward, Sarah Harriman, Nancy Hamilton, May Schmidt, Margie Alford, Patti Hansen, Rosemary Morrow and Bob Perkins. Absent: Bill Beare, David White, Vonnye Rice-Gardner, Margarine Beaman, Carolyn Jones, Adrienne Rison-Isom and Nora Jackson.

Barry welcomed new member, Bob Perkins.

Minutes: The minutes of February 8, 2012, were approved as previously sent to the members on a motion by Sarah Harriman, seconded by May Schmidt.

Report from the Chair: Barry noted that progress is being made on the various grants. In relation to last month's presentation by Joe Pacheco and the gift of "The Defender" from Mr. Calvo, Barry will work with the County Archivist on a certificate of appreciation for Mr. Calvo from the County Commissioners Court. Both gentlemen could be asked to attend our April meeting to receive this recognition if the certificate is ready.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy reported no change this month.

Research Committee: May reported that all of this year's marker applications have now been paid for. Regarding a possible marker for the Mitchell House, it has been suggested that the marker text be broadened to include more of the neighborhood and that it could be placed at Huston Tillotson University campus.

Projects Committee: Barry reported that Bill Beare is in the hospital and not able to work on the Travis CHC history project at this time.

Regarding the By-Laws Revision Project, Barry noted that the format approved by the Commissioners Court is quite lengthy. The THC proposed a simpler version after the Court approval, and Barry proposed to write a reader-friendly version of the by-laws, with references to the longer version, where needed.

Patti reported that she has added the next four months meetings to the Calendar of Events on the website.

Vonnys sent word that she will be working on wrapping up the Essay Contest work during spring break.

African American Schools Book: Margarine has received the materials from Bob and will send the completed manuscript to the printer as soon as she has it ready.

Marker Committee: No dedications are scheduled for the spring. However, the sponsors for the Pflugerville ISD marker that was just approved have optimistically scheduled the dedication for October 12, 2012. The marker production process may affect that projection.

Public Relations Committee: Several Commission members attended a walking tour of the newly restored 1918 barracks buildings at Camp Mabry last month with their archivist, Chantal McKenzie. Margie will consult with Steven Broberg in the County Records Management Department about creating a recognition award certificate for this restoration project. It is thought that the Adjutant General would be the person to accept the award. The members again discussed the need to establish guidelines for awards, how often they will be given, etc. and this needs to be done soon.

CLG Committee: Bob Ward thanked the members who helped with the field work for the Webberville Survey, which has been completed. Rosemary agreed to help with personal interviews for this project. Bob noted that there is a large swath of land, not in the City's ETJ, between Webberville and Route 130 that has not been surveyed by the City or by CLG. He feels that this matter should be coordinated by the two entities.

Ransom Williams Homestead: The THC has approved the grant application and it now goes before the Commissioner's Court for approval; this is scheduled for March 27th. A donation of \$1000 has been offered by the Travis County Archeology Society to help with this project.

Bob reminded the members of "Six Degrees of Connection" at Oakwood Cemetery on March 24th. Members are urged to attend.

Other Business: *The UT historic survey mapping Wiki project will be explained at an information session on March 28 at the Carver Library. *The Pfluger Haus Foundation will participate in Preservation Texas's annual gathering on the Capitol steps on March 22. The Pfluger House is one of this year's "Ten Most Endangered" sites. * Barry will be one of the speakers on March 31 at "Windows on the Past" at Austin History Center; he will discuss requirements for applying for Texas historical markers.* On March 29, at 10:00 a.m. a Tejano marker will be dedication on the Capitol grounds.

Announcements: Bob Perkins stated that he is working on a project to have the name of Manchaca Road changed to Menchaca, assuming it was named for Jose Antonio Menchaca, who fought in the battle of San Jacinto and was known to have camped in the area south of Austin in those days. The road was ordered built by the Commissioner's Court in 1840.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

.Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop, Secretary

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March 14, 2012 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance April 11, 2012 is \$1995.42

Travis County 2012 account totals \$1942, distributed as follows:

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment)

Mar. Balance \$345

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged

Mar. Balance \$57

1-1700-639-60-23 (Postal / Freight Out)

Mar. Balance \$0

1-1700-639-60-99 (Other purchased Services)

Mar. Balance \$0

1-1700-639-65-03 (Travel, meals and lodging)

Mar. Balance \$100

1-1700-639-65-04 (Training and seminars)

Mar. Balance \$200

[1-1700-639-90-01 (Co. Contribution to Grants)

Mar. Balance \$0]

1-1700-639-75-08 (Markers)

Mar. Balance \$1240.00

Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer

