



## Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, September 12, 2012, in the new County building at 700 Lavaca (multifacility room C), Austin, Texas. Members present: Barry Hutcheson, Bill Beare, Nora Jackson, Rosemary Morrow, Margie Alford, May Schmidt, Sarah Harriman, Nancy Hamilton, Marty Moulthrop, Adrienne Isom and Bob Ward. Absent: Patti Hansen, David White, Vonnye Rice-Gardner, Margarine Beaman, Carolyn Jones and Bob Perkins. Guests: Barry welcomed Shawn Malone of the County Department of Records Management and Communications Resources, historical researcher Phoebe Allen, Kim McKnight from the City Parks and Recreation Department, and Jeannette Cook, guest of Margie Alford. Barry thanked Mr. Malone for arranging for us to park in the garage at no charge.

Minutes: Upon declaration of a quorum, the minutes of June 20, 2012, were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hamilton reported our balance remains \$5038.34 in our Wells Fargo account and \$1942.00 in our County account.

Report from the Chair: Barry reported on the area CHC meeting on June 21 in Rockdale, hosted by the Milam CHC. Several counties were represented and all agreed that we must work together on preservation efforts. Members were reminded to monitor the coming legislative session as regards the THC.

Barry also discussed the need for this Commission to put together a formal work plan for the next 2 years. We have several projects that are languishing and need to be finished up. We are accountable to the public, since we are publicly funded.

Membership applications are again due this fall. Barry will bring forms next meeting for members to complete. Bill agreed to notarize them.

Research Committee: \*May reported that the marker for the Mitchell House has been received by the THC and they are working with the East Austin community on placement of this marker. (2010 Untold Story Marker) \*A replacement marker has been ordered for Hudson Bend Cemetery. \*2011 Markers: Westgate marker has been received and the Architecture Committee is considering its placement. Pflugerville ISD marker is at the foundry and dedication is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. Zavala Elementary: at the foundry. Pease School: inscription is being finalized. Edward Clark Outbuilding: marker text is being written.

\*We submitted 3 topics for this year's Untold Story Markers (Haskell House, St. Mary's Baptist Church in Pflugerville, and Holy Cross Catholic Community) and all were accepted by THC for consideration. The final decisions will be made at the October quarterly meeting of THC.

May presented the following 6 applications for consideration: (All applications previously emailed to the members)

1. McClendon-Price House (RTHL)
2. Brown Building (already has City and National Register markers) (RTHL)  
Phoebe Allen was present to answer questions about the above applications. May moved that these two applications be approved. Motion seconded by Bill and passed.
3. Two Green Lane (Graves House). May moved approval of this application. Marty seconded and motion passed.
4. Lakeway Community/Lohman Family/Lohman's Crossing. May moved approval of this application. Motion seconded by Margie and passed.
5. George Glasscock (subject marker)—to be erected at Oakwood Cemetery. May moved this application be approved; motion seconded by Rosemary and passed.
6. Haskell House, Clarksville (also submitted as an Untold Story). This RTHL application will be withdrawn if THC approves it as an Untold Story marker. May moved this application be approved; motion seconded by Bob and passed.

Other subjects being worked on include Split Rock, Texas Confederate Woman's Home, 3820 Avenue F, Simpson Kidnapping (Indian kidnapping), and Simpson United Methodist Church.

Projects Committee: The only item was that the October 12<sup>th</sup> marker dedication for Pflugerville ISD and Travis County History Day on October 26<sup>th</sup> are being added to the website.

Markers Committee: no report.

Public Relations Committee: Margie discussed the Award of Merit for Camp Mabry for the restoration and rehabilitation of two barracks buildings; a tentative date of October 4<sup>th</sup> has been set, but this depends on the Adjutant General's schedule. Members will be notified when the date is finally set. We will be able to provide refreshments using funds from our Wells Fargo account. Margie moved that the Commission spend up to \$50.00 for refreshments for this event. Motion seconded by May and passed.

CLG Committee: Bob announced that the Webberville Survey report is ready to print! (It will also be made available electronically.)

A letter of intent has been submitted for a survey of the remaining portions of eastern Travis County.

Ransom Williams Farmstead: the Carver Museum will host an exhibit of artifacts from the site for 6 months. The Travis County CLG grant will cover content development and research for educational programming and exhibits. TxDOT will assist with funding for the exhibit components.

Bob found the old Masonic Lodge in Webberville, which was formerly a school. The building was erected in 1912.

Bob was at a meeting at Pioneer Farm; its board chairman, Mike Ward, has invited us to have a meeting there anytime. December will be considered.

Correspondence/Other Business.\*The DRT is moving its museum and headquarters to East Austin, adjacent to the French Legation. \*Barry has received notice from TxDOT that the railroad bridge over Walter E. Long Lake may be replaced. It is not historically significant. \*The THC has determined that a lighting project at the Littlefield Building will have no adverse effect on the historic property.

Rosemary conveyed greetings to the members from former member Jane Manaster.

Barry reminded the members that Travis County History Day (“Travis County Then and Now”) will be October 26<sup>th</sup> and 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop, Recording Secretary

Travis County Historical Commission  
Sept 12, 2012 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance Sept 12, 2012 is \$5038.34

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

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment)  
Sept Balance \$345

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged  
Sept Balance \$57

1-1700-639-60-23 (Postal / Freight Out)  
Sept Balance \$0

1-1700-639-60-99 (Other purchased Services)  
Sept Balance \$0

1-1700-639-65-03 (Travel, meals and lodging)  
Sept Balance \$100

1-1700-639-65-04 (Training and seminars)  
Sept Balance \$200

[1-1700-639-90-01 (Co. Contribution to Grants)  
Sept Balance \$0]

1-1700-639-75-08 (Markers)  
Sept Balance \$1240.00

Nancy Hamilton,  
Treasurer