



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, at 5:30 p.m. in the 700 Lavaca Building, Multifacility Room C, Austin, Texas. Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and declared a quorum present.

Attendance: Members present: Marty Moulthrop, Rosemary Morrow, Patti Hansen, Nora Jackson, Bill Beare, Vonnye Rice-Gardner, May Schmidt, Margie Alford, Bob Ward, Barry Hutcheson, Bob Perkins, Adrienne Isom, and new members, Jeanette Cook, Teri Flack, Danny Camacho and Shawn Malone. Barry noted that Teri Flack's application is going before the County Commissioners at their next meeting. Absent: David White, Margarine Beaman and Nancy Hamilton. Guests: Christy Moilanen, County Archivist; Robin Camp, City of Austin; and Chantal McKenzie, Camp Mabry Architectural Historian.

Special Program: Margie Alford introduced Chantal McKenzie, who is the architectural historian at Camp Mabry and who oversaw the recent restoration of two original barracks there. This was the project for which this Commission gave our first Award of Merit last year. Ms. McKenzie noted that Camp Mabry totals 386 acres and over half of this area is a historic district. It gained National Register recognition in 1996 and State Archeological Landmark status in 1997. The barracks project consisted of the rehabilitation of Buildings 10 and 11, which were built in 1918 as residences for students in a school for auto mechanics in World War I. Several other structures at Camp Mabry are undergoing rehabilitation now.

Introduction of Guests: Robin Camp, Project Manager with the City Public Works Department, reported that the historic marker in Zilker Park will have to be relocated due to a construction project in its current location on the south side of the lawn near the pool. The project will include the addition of an ADA trail. This is a 1936 Centennial marker referring to early missions nearby and must be approved by the THC. The THC does not want the marker moved from the south lawn; however, the City could move it closer to the path for easier access. It was the consensus of the members that a decomposed granite path leading up to the marker would make for good accessibility. The City will pay the cost of relocation.

Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2013, were approved as previously sent to the members on a motion by Bill Beare and seconded by Bob Perkins.

Report from the Chair: Barry discussed the proposed criteria for the TCHC Award of Merit, which he previously emailed to the members. Bob Perkins suggested that in the Eligibility Criteria section, the second paragraph should read "The contribution can include, **but shall not be limited to:**." After further discussion, it was moved by Bill Beare and seconded by

Rosemary Morrow that action on the subject be tabled until next month's meeting. Motion passed.

Barry announced that he has appointed the following Nominating Committee: Bill Beare, Rosemary Morrow, Marty Moulthrop and Patti Hansen. They are to present a slate next month. Also next month will be committee sign-ups for 2013-2015. Barry distributed a list of the committees and their activities. Every member is expected to serve on at least one standing committee.

Treasurer's Report: No change.

Research Committee: May Schmidt reported that the THC approved 8 of our marker applications at their quarterly meeting. They are: St. Mary Missionary Baptist Church, Texas Confederate Women's Home, McClendon-Price House, Judge Ireland Graves House, Splitrock, William and Valerie Mansbendel House, Brown Building, and Peter and Clotilde Mansbendel House. In addition, the Ziller House application from a couple of years ago has been reactivated. This makes 9 marker applications from Travis County for this cycle. Applications not accepted included George W. Glasscock, Simpson Kidnapping and Lakeway Community. THC suggested that these re-apply at a later date. The Pease School and Edward Clark House Outbuilding markers are at the foundry. The Haskell House Untold Story Marker is in the text revision stage.

Projects Committee: * TCHC History: Bill Beare-no report. * By-Laws Revisions: Barry-almost ready. *TCHC Website: Patti asked for items for the calendar on the website. Recent additions include the Distinguished Service Award presented to the CHC by Judge Biscoe in January, as well as a report on the Pflugerville marker dedication. * Essay Contest: Vonnye and Rosemary-Vonnys announced that the awards ceremony for this year's contest will be April 30 at ACC's Riverside Campus, Student Life Building. She also distributed paper copies of several Powerpoint programs she has done to promote the essay contest. *African American Schools: Bob Ward volunteered to try to organize a group to get this publication finished.

Markers Committee: David recently sent to Patti a report for the website on last fall's marker dedication in Pflugerville.

Public Relations Committee: no report.

CLG Committee: Bob Ward reported agreements have been signed with TXDOT on the Ransom Williams Farmstead. Artist/archeologist Frank Weir will do some historical paintings of the cabin and family. Bob also reminded the members that March 23 is Heritage Day at Oakwood Cemetery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. He will round up some of our bookmarks to distribute.

Announcements: The ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the new African American Cultural Heritage Museum will be on March 1 at 1:30 p.m. at 912 E. 11th St. All are encouraged to attend.

Correspondence: * A Section 106 Review regarding proposed window graphics on the Littlefield Building, 106 E. 6th St., has been approved by the THC. * The West Point Society of Central Texas will make a presentation to the Austin Parks and Recreation Department of their request to

replace the original Covert dedication marker on Mt. Bonnell, as well as their design considerations for the overlook structure at the top of the mountain. The meeting will be held on February 20 at Mayfield Park. * Another Evening Under the Oaks concert will be held at the French Legation Museum on February 22 at 7 p.m., with music by the Gilbert & Sullivan Society of Austin.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop, Secretary

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February 2013 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance Feb 2013 is \$5045.94

Travis County 2013 account

Balance \$1543.29, distributed as follows:

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment)
Feb Balance \$0

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged
Feb Balance \$3.29

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

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

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

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

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

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

Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer