



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, in the Multifacility Room C, The 700 Lavaca Building, Austin, Texas. Chairman Barry Hutcheson called the meeting to order at 5:37 and declared a quorum present (in spite of trying to find a parking place during South by Southwest!)

Attendance: Present were Bill Beare, Nora Jackson, David White, Danny Camacho, Shawn Malone, May Schmidt. Patti Hansen, Jeannette Cook, Margie Alford, Bob Perkins, Barry Hutcheson, Marty Moulthrop, Bob Ward, Nancy Hamilton, Rosemary Murrow and Teri Flack. Absent were Vonnye Rice-Gardner, Margarine Beaman and Adrienne Isom.

Minutes: The minutes of February 13, 2013, were approved on a motion by Bob Perkins, seconded by Bill Beare, and approved.

Report from the Chair: Barry presented a revised one-page version of the proposed TCHC Award guidelines. After discussion, the guidelines were approved on a motion by Bob Perkins, seconded by May Schmidt and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Hamilton reported that there is no change. She then took a moment to explain to the new members the two accounts we have – our County budget, with specific amounts for specific categories, and our Wells Fargo account, which is funded by sales of past publications as well as a bequest from the estate of Jeanette Flachmeyer stipulated for the essay contest.

Research Committee: May reported that the inscription for the Haskell House marker was approved and the marker is now in production. The final two markers from 2012 have been received: the Edward Clark House Outbuilding and Pease Elementary School, both RTHLs. Pease School has set a tentative date for the dedication of May 31, 2013. Also, the replacement marker for the Hudson Bend Cemetery has been received.

Markers Committee: David had no report.

Projects Committee: TCHC History—Bill had no report. By-Laws Revisions—Barry stated this project is close to completion. TCHC Website—Patti will send in to the County web team the write-up for the Zavala marker dedication. Essay Contest—Vonnys will give Patti information for the website. The date is April 30, 2013 at 10:30 a.m. at Riverside Campus of ACC. African American Schools Book—Bob Ward has asked Danny Camacho and Adrienne Isom to help him get this finished.

Public Relations: Margie had no report.

CLG Committee: Bob Ward reported that the grant to do the survey of southeast Travis County has been approved but not yet funded. This survey will complete the survey of Travis County east of I-35. May explained the Ransom Williams Farmstead Project to the new members. It is a freedman's farmstead which is in the right-of-way of the proposed I-45 SW. Ransom Williams was a freed slave who owned this land from Reconstruction into the 1920s. The educational component of the survey is three-fold: information and photos will be posted on texasbeyondhistory.net; the Carver Museum will have an exhibit; and oral histories will be done with family descendants.

Nominating Committee: Patti Hansen presented the following of officers for approval:

Chairman: Bob Ward
Vice Chairman: May Schmidt
Secretary: Shawn Malone
Treasurer: Nora Jackson

Marty Moulthrop moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. Motion seconded by Jeannette Cook and passed unanimously. Congratulations to our new leaders and three cheers for our outgoing chairman!

Correspondence: *Four members attended the grand opening of the African American Cultural Center. *Regarding the Zilker Park marker mentioned last month, Barry reported that the THC has no problem with relocating the marker as proposed by the City. *Mt. Bonnell: Barry explained the eight-year argument between the THC and a group that wants to rename the marker on Mt. Bonnell for Joseph Bonnell. The local West Point Society has volunteered to clean up the park at Mt. Bonnell and to replace the stone marker honoring Frank Covert with a new granite one. The City Planning Dept. will submit their proposal to the Land, Facility and Program Committee of the City Parks & Recreation Dept. at a meeting on March 18. * Bob Ward reminded the members that Saturday, March 23 is the second annual Texas Heritage Day at Oakwood Cemetery. Hours are 10 to 4. More information is available at sachome.org.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Moulthrop
Secretary

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January 2013 Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank

Balance Jan 2013 is \$5045.94

Travis County 2013 account totals \$1543.29 distributed as follows:

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

Jan Balance \$0

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

Jan Balance \$3.29

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

Jan Balance \$0

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

Jan Balance \$0

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

Jan Balance \$100

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

Jan Balance \$200

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

Jan Balance \$0]

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

Jan Balance \$1240.00

Nancy Hamilton
Treasurer