Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013, in the Multifunction Room C, 700 Lavaca Building, Austin, Texas. Chairman Bob Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30 and declared a quorum present.

Citizens' Communications: Guest Phoebe Allen told the Commission about a feature of the AISD website that will provide an audio/video presentation, "Ghost of Judges' Hill," a history of Austin from 1850-1914.

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

Phoebe Allen was introduced as a guest at this month's meeting.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on June 12, 2013 was made by Judge Perkins, seconded, and approved.

Report from the Chair: Upcoming events including History Day VI and the "Murder and Mayhem Tour" were noted. Also pending: Inherit Austin's dinner at the Moore's Crossing Bridge scheduled for Sept. 29th and an event at Longview Cemetery in the spring of 2014.

Judge Perkins noted that with the development along the Old San Antonio Road, it would be advisable to document the before-and-after, possibly using video.

Chairman Ward has learned that the Center for Texas Public History at Texas State University may have funding might be available to support projects that could be performed by interns, like oral histories or markers.

Treasurer's Report: No change. Nora Jackson reported that the name tags would be available at the next Commission meeting. The list of names was confirmed and the deadline to submit the funding request noted.

Research Committee: Commission member Teri Flack thanked fellow member May Schmidt for her help on several marker issues. Guest Phoebe Allen made a comment about the application for the Oertli family dairy, the last family dairy in Travis County. The application for the Oertli family dairy marker was approved on a motion by Judge Perkins, seconded by May Schmidt. A motion to approve an application for the All Saints Episcopal Church to be designated as a

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark was made by Judge Perkins, seconded by several members of the Commission, and approved. An application for a marker for George Washington Glasscock, a veteran of the Texas Revolution who opened the area's first grist mill, would be placed at 1601 Navasota street, per a motion by Judge Perkins, seconded by May Schmidt, and approved. Other notes regarding several additional markers were made: May Schmidt said that the Pease School Marker would be dedicated on Wednesday, November 6th, at 10 AM. The Downs Field marker has been approved by the Texas Historical Commission. The Fisher House marker is at the foundry. The Haskell House Untold Stories marker is ready. The Texas Confederate Women's Home marker will be dedicated on March 22, 2014. The Gant family Untold Stories marker is at the foundry. Changes to the McLennan Price house marker design have been recommended and are being made. Substantial changes to the proposed Split Rock marker have been requested. Barry Hutcheson said that the Hudson Bend marker is pending. There was discussion of the need for a replacement marker for the Manor City Warehouse. Teri Flack noted the potential for a Holy Cross marker, and Vonnye Rice-Gardner passed a book around and reported on her meetings with stakeholders interested in that one. Those who want to submit marker applications for this year (for example at Hancock Golf Course, or Bethlehem Church, or Longview Cemetery) are urged to apply as soon as possible to ensure the Commission members have time to consider them. Mention was made of Janey Scott, a University of Texas student documenting freedmen's colonies, and the possibility for markers on various sites.

Markers Committee: David White said his goal was to clean one marker per month. He also mentioned a smartphone app that locates and describes existing markers.

Projects Committee: Patti Hansen said that the Special Projects Committee will meet to set priorities. She also said that Bob Ward was reviewing materials regarding the African American Schools project, that Jane Manaster's version of the text had been edited and needed photos, and that an appointment with Margarine Beaman was still pending. Marty Moulthrop will add more listings to the Travis County Historical Commission website calendar, including Pioneer Farms, Moores Crossing, Murder & Mayhem and other events.

CLG Committee: Barry Hutcheson said that this committee continued to review the proposed by-laws. Bob Ward announced that the 2nd painting for the Ransom Williams farmstead project had been completed, and that the 4th and 7th grade lesson plans were finished – they should all be complete by the end of this month.

Correspondence and Other Business: Chairman Ward mentioned that a few letters had been received from the Texas Historical Commission regarding project reviews under way at the federal and state levels.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary

Travis County Historical Commission Treasurer's Report

Wells Fargo Bank
Balance August 2013 is $4873.67
Travis County 2013 account totals
$1543.29 distributed as follows:

1-1700-639-30-13 (Communications and equipment) August balance $0

1-1700-639-30-99 (Other equipment and supplies) unchanged August balance $3.29

1-1700-639-60-23 (Postal/Freight Out)
August balance $0

1-1700-639-60-99 (Other Purchased Services) August balance $0

1-1700-639-65-03 (Travel, Meals, and Lodging) August balance $100.00

1-1700-639-65-04 (Training and Seminars) August balance $200.00

1-1700-639-90-01 (Co.Contribution to Grants) August balance $0

1-1700-639-75-08 (Markers)
August balance $1240.00