



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, October 8, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. in the 700 Lavaca Building, Multifunction Room C, 1st floor, in Austin, Texas.

Commission Chair Bob Ward called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM and declared a quorum present.

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on September 10 was made by Bill Beare, seconded by Rosemary Morrow, and approved.

Introduction of guests: Two guests from the West Point Society, Stan Bacon and Sheldon Graham, came to this meeting. Larry Oakes, the former director of the Texas Historical Commission, also attended.

Report from the Chair – Bob Ward

Discussion of upcoming and ongoing events:

1. TCAS Meeting at Tres Amigos, Oct 9th at 7, featuring Susan Dial and the Sarah and Ransom Williams Project
2. Texas Archaeology Month- Archaeology Day event at French Legation from Oct 11th, 1-5 PM
3. Bill Beare noted that an article about “the hidden side of Zilker Park” by Michael Barnes had been published
4. Guests from the West Point Society asked if there were comments or questions about the research materials that had been provided over the summer regarding the plaque on Mt. Bonnell. Commission members Jeannette Cook, Teri Flack and Barry Hutcheson engaged the Society representatives in a spirited exchange of views on the topic.

Treasurer’s Report – Nora Jackson

There’s been no change from last month’s report on the Wells Fargo account. It was noted that the Travis County appropriation for the Historical Commission had been increased per our request to the Planning and Budget Office.

Research Committee – Teri Flack

No historical marker applications have been received for this cycle.

Projects Committee – Patti Hansen

1. Essay Contest – Rosemary Morrow observed that with the fall semester about six weeks under way, the bulk of the work would probably be gearing up in the spring.
2. African American Schools – Ms. Morrow announced that the report has been published on the Travis County Historical Commission web site, and she hoped readers would provide any additions or corrections that would improve it.

Public Relations Committee

Barry Hutcheson reported that the PR Committee (Commission members Margie Alford, Barry Hutcheson, Jeannette Cook, and Marty Moulthrop) had consulted with writer Michael Barnes regarding the pending Award of Merit. An awards ceremony will be scheduled during a meeting of the Travis County Commissioners Court.

CLG Committee – Bob Ward

Mr. Ward said that the deadline for the final copy of the Southeast Survey Report had been extended by 30 days to allow for additional improvements. He also said that the Commissioners Court had approved grant applications for the South/Southwest Travis County Survey County, Pfluger House, and African-American/Mexican-American Settlement Survey.

Announcements & Comments:

Barry Hutcheson handed out flyers for Travis County History Day, scheduled for Oct. 24th. It was announced that the Save Austin Cemeteries Murder and Mayhem Tour would take place on Oct. 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary