



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2015, at the Bluebonnet House on Camp Mabry, in Austin, Texas.

Commission Chair Bob Ward called the meeting to order at 5:40 PM and declared a quorum present.

Attendance: Present were Rosemary Morrow, Larry Oakes, Patti Hansen, Nora Jackson, May Schmidt, Marjorie Alford, Jeannette Cook, Dan Hickox, Barry Hutcheson, Shawn Malone, Bob Ward, and Teri Flack. Adrienne Rison-Isom, Bob Perkins, David White, David Peyton, Margarine Beaman, Marty Moulthrop, and Vonnice Rice-Gardner were absent.

Minutes: Marjorie Alford moved that the minutes of the April 8 meeting be approved; Barry Hutcheson seconded the motion, which was approved. It was noted that the May meeting of the TCHC had been rained out.

Report from the Chair

Discussion of upcoming and ongoing events:

1. The Chair thanked Marjorie Alford for making the arrangements to conduct this meeting at Camp Mabry.
2. The Chair reported on the request by Phoebe Allen to name Shoal Beach on Lady Bird Lake after philanthropist Roberta Reed Crenshaw; no action was taken at this meeting.
3. Commission members' comments regarding the upcoming recognition by the Travis County Commissioners Court were considered. June 30 was said to be the date that the certification awarded by the Texas Historical Commission was to be featured at the Court's meeting.
4. With respect to the Nutty Brown rock building ruins, Bob Ward continues his consultations with Tiffany Osburn, Regional Archeologist at the Texas Historical Commission, regarding the history of the site and a stagecoach line nearby.
5. The Chair reported that letters urging local and state officials to properly preserve the Sneed Mansion at 1801 Nelms Drive had been sent.
6. The Chair reported that TCHC member David Peyton was missing this meeting so that he could represent the TCHC at a meeting of the Sons of the Confederacy.
7. The Chair outlined a proposal to apply for a grant to digitize Frank Brown's Annals and make them available online. May Schmidt moved that options be explored and the issue

brought up again at a future meeting. Rosemary Morrow seconded the motion, which was approved.

8. The Chair reminded the membership that the Juneteenth celebration is coming up June 19th.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nora Jackson said that there would be no report this month.

Research Committee

Committee Chair Teri Flack reported that the Holy Cross Church historical marker dedication ceremony had been scheduled for August 30th, 2015, after church services. She said that no Undertold Stories marker applications had been received and that the new marker process will get under way on September 1, 2015. The Chair read David White's email regarding a subject marker at the Sneed ruins site.

Markers Committee

Barry Hutcheson updated the TCHC on recent developments regarding the Railroad Depot/Steam Train Association marker. A dedication ceremony will be scheduled for July 30th, he said.

Special Projects Committee

There have been no new developments regarding the History of the TCHC project or the ACC essay contest. The African-American Schools report is being printed by the Travis County Print Shop; Rosemary Morrow exhorted her fellow members to find ways to gather more information to augment future drafts. Larry Oakes has consulted sources from the National Trust and other authorities to guide his compiling a list of endangered historic properties in Travis County.

CLG Committee

Mr. Ward updated the TCHC membership on a few surveys in various stages of progress/completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary