



# Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 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 Marty Moulthrop, Marjorie Alford, Margarine Beaman, Jeannette Cook, Dan Hickox, Adrienne Rison-Isom, David White, Barry Hutcheson, Bob Perkins, Patti Hansen, Shawn Malone, Bob Ward, Rosemary Morrow, and Teri Flack. May Schmidt, Nora Jackson, Danny Camacho, and Vonnye Rice-Gardner were absent.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 14 was made by Barry Hutcheson, seconded by Marty Moulthrop, and approved.

Introduction of guests: Larry Oakes and David Peyton attended this meeting.

## Report from the Chair

Discussion of upcoming and ongoing events:

1. The Chair congratulated TCHC member May Schmidt on the occasion of her 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and noted that she had received a card from the President of the United States.
2. The Chair updated the Commission on the status of membership applications.
3. Rosemary Morrow and Patti Hansen volunteered to serve as a nominating committee for the TCHC board positions.
4. Mr. Ward reported on his meeting with Capital Metro staff regarding a Masontown historical marker at the Saltillo development. A meeting with the architects of the project is pending. Marjorie Alford suggested that a partnership with the Arts Council would yield useful results. Adrienne Rison-Isom reported on her outreach efforts to the developer representatives regarding the historical significance of the project area.
5. The Tarrant County Historical Commission has produced a 170-page report on the Chisolm Trail and asked for Travis County Historical Commission support. A motion by Patti Hansen, seconded by Judge Perkins, was approved; it authorizes the Chair to write a letter of support and noted opportunities to improve the Tarrant report with respect to the route of the Trail.

6. The Chair reported on his efforts to work through realtors and lawyers to gain access to the Camp Terry property, a site near the Bergstrom airport that was a Confederate training camp during the Civil War. The goal is to document descriptions and photographs of the area before it is developed.
7. Several TCHC members attended the National Register Plaque dedication ceremony for the 1887 West Sixth Street Bridge over Shoal Creek on Friday, January 30.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nora Jackson was absent for this meeting. Chair Bob Ward said he had received some guidance from Travis County staff regarding the Commission's finances and he is reviewing those documents.

### Research Committee

Committee Chair Teri Flack reported that three of the four marker applications considered at the most recent meeting of the Texas Historical Commission were approved: Peterson House, Kincheonville, and Cranfill Apartments. However, the Broken Spoke application was denied, she said, with the stated reason being that the Broken Spoke founders were still living. Ms. Flack noted that this rationale did not seem to be supported by the Texas Historical Commission guidelines. She and Larry Oakes are making plans to follow up.

The Oertli Dairy inscription language is said to be approved, so another assignment for the foundry is the next step on that marker. Markers for the Hancock Center and Holy Cross Church & community are pending.

### Markers Committee

David White reported that the George Washington Glasscock marker had been installed on January 17<sup>th</sup>, with Barry Hutcheson and Bob Ward assisting. Since the Jacob Fontaine marker was nearby and in need of maintenance, that marker was also the object of some attention. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Glasscock marker dedication ceremony was attended by several TCHC members.

### Special Projects Committee

The family of Bill Beare will advise when his papers will be available for review by TCHC members interested in documenting the history of the TCHC. There have been no new developments on the ACC Essay Contest since last month's meeting. Margarine Beaman said that columnist Michael Barnes would be contacting members of the Routt family regarding the TCHC book on African-American schools.

### Public Relations Committee

Ideas were discussed regarding the Travis County Historical Commission web site, Facebook page, and related issues. Suggestions included more links to similarly-themed sites, incorporating inspirations from other County Historical Commissions' web sites, stronger liaison with the Texas Historical Commission internet experts, and more robust communication with the Travis County Information and Technology Services department. A Public Relations Committee meeting will be scheduled to develop a detailed plan.

### CLG Committee

Mr. Ward circulated copies of the recently completed Southeast Travis County Survey Report, and noted that work on the Southwest survey has begun. TCHC members have volunteered to assist Terri Myers of Preservation Central in the upcoming surveys, and MOCHA (the Manchaca Onion Creek Historical Association) is also involved.

### Announcements & Comments

Patti Hansen suggested more committee meetings to speed progress on the various projects undertaken by the TCHC.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shawn Malone  
Secretary