



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission was held on Wednesday, January 14, 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 5:44 PM and declared a quorum present.

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 10 was made by Bob Perkins, seconded by May Schmidt, 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 circulated printed materials from the service last month for the late Commission member Bill Beare. These will be stored at the Travis County Archives.
2. Commission membership applications were collected and notarized. The Chair will forward them to the appropriate Commissioners Court members.
3. The Chair reported on Camp Terry issues, including getting the Travis County Archeological Society involved and doing a metal detecting survey of the tract.
4. Bob Perkins and May Schmidt discussed the Matthew Brown house, built in 1866 on Old San Antonio Road.
5. Mr. Ward reported that he had represented the TCHC at a recent meeting of the Seattle Society for Historical Archeology.
6. Longview Cemetery, it is said, will need more volunteer work to cover foundations and the school building. And it's time to perform a GIS plot while the tree cover is bare so the machinery will have a clear view.

ACTION ITEM: A motion was made and approved (with one member, Dan Hickox, abstaining) to adopt the latest version of the TCHC By-Laws. Barry Hutcheson will forward them to the Commissioners Court for their approval. Patti Hansen saluted Mr. Hutcheson for putting in four years of work (so far!) on the By-Laws.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nora Jackson said that she will follow up with the County Attorney's office and the Planning and Budget Office to complete the transition of what used to be the Wells Fargo account to a special fund in the Travis County Treasury, with written guidance on how the funds may be used.

Research Committee

Commission member Teri Flack reported that four marker applications will be considered at the next meeting of the Texas Historical Commission on January 29th. Commission member David White said that the George Washington Glasscock marker is ready to install at Oakwood Cemetery. This installation will be followed by a dedication ceremony on January 23rd (preceded by a presentation at the nearby Doubletree Inn). Commission member Barry Hutcheson discussed a Railroad Depot marker in conjunction with the Steam Train Association; this marker has been completed and stored in a warehouse for four years pending installation. Chair Bob Ward said that the Victory Grill marker installation would be scheduled in February.

Special Projects Committee

There have been no new developments on the ACC Essay Contest since last month's meeting.

Public Relations Committee

Ideas were discussed regarding the Travis County Historical Commission web site.

CLG Committee

Mr. Ward reported that the Southeast Travis County Survey Report is almost complete, and noted that work on the Southwest survey needs to begin soon. He anticipates a call for volunteers to assist Terri Myers of Preservation Central in future surveys.

Announcements & Comments

Commission member Barry Hutcheson reported that he had represented the Travis County Historical Commission at a recent meeting of MOCHA (the Manchaca Onion Creek Historical Association) in San Leanna; he presented information regarding the Southwest Travis County Survey by the CLG Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary