



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) was held on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Bluebonnet House, Camp Mabry, Austin, Texas. Commission Chair Bob Ward called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM and declared a quorum present.

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

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting was made by Dan Hickox and seconded by Margarine Beaman; it carried unanimously.

Report from the Chair

1. The Chair reported that the study committee appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court regarding the future of the Palm School building had not met again since the most recent TCHC meeting. He said that work continues on an RFP to perform a "Historic Structures Report."
2. The Chisolm Trail plaques were the subject of a meeting of Bob Perkins, Bob Ward, and newspaper columnist Michael Barnes and others, with no action items for the TCHC remaining.
3. Ongoing issues regarding preservation of the Sneed Mansion at 1801 Nelms Drive were discussed. The Chair reported on additional graffiti and damage during the past month, slow enforcement by the City of Austin's Code Compliance function, and pending action at the Austin Landmark Commission.
4. The Chair laid out facts on the Carl Lang property on Nutty Brown Road and the donation of the Littlepage family (mill operators) documents to the Austin History Center.
5. Various items pertaining to the absence from meetings by TCHC member Rosemary Morrow were noted, sympathetically.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Nora Jackson circulated a printout of the most recent budget information from the Planning and Budget Office. Patti Hansen noted with satisfaction the additional detail behind the summary amounts shown in earlier reports. TCHC member Margarine Beaman will be contacting

surviving members of the Flachmeier family to inquire about their wishes regarding specific instructions attached to the family's donation to the TCHC.

Research Committee

Mr. Ward noted the absence at tonight's meeting of Research Committee Chair Teri Flack, and shared the latest word on development by Kim McKnight, Preservation Planner and Cultural Resource Specialist, City of Austin Parks and Recreation Department, of an Undertold History Marker application for Eastwood Park. He also said that TCHC Member Adrienne Rison-Isom is conducting research this month to confirm that the Clayton Institute marker is installed in the correct location.

Markers Committee

Mr. Ward noted the absence at tonight's meeting of Markers Committee Chair David White, and reported on the Kincheonville Marker Dedication Ceremony held on February 28, saying "it was a great ceremony," attended by several TCHC members. TCHC Member Marty Moulthrop volunteered to take an active role in the coordination and planning of future marker ceremonies.

Special Projects Committee

Committee Chair Patti Hansen noted that the Special Projects Committee had conducted its meeting just minutes ago and that the committee assignments list would be updated soon. Larry Oaks updated the TCHC membership on his research regarding best practices that apply to listing of endangered sites, and on Lakeway area surveys.

CLG Committee

Mr. Ward updated the TCHC membership on progress of the South-Southwest survey, with fieldwork on some properties complete and contacts to various property owners pending.

Public Relations Committee

Committee Chair Marty Moulthrop announced calendar items and meeting locations being added to the TCHC website. One such event is scheduled for April 12 at the Lake Travis Community Library.

Announcements

The Chair announced that the Shoal Creek Bridge Walk is scheduled for March 12th at 9:00 AM. Texas History Day, April 30th, still needs judges. TCHC representatives at the Downs Field game on March 19th would raise the profile of the Commission in the local history community, he suggested.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary