



Travis County Historical Commission

The regular meeting of the Travis County Historical Commission (TCHC) was held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, at 700 Lavaca Street, Austin, Texas. Commission Chair Bob Ward called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM and declared a quorum present.

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

Introduction of Guests: Phoebe Allen and Cynthia Evans were guests at this meeting.

Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the September 14 meeting was made by Dan Hickox, seconded by May Schmidt, and approved unanimously.

Report from the Chair

1. The Chair reported on the appointments process for TCHC members and urged incumbents to fill out the forms to continue their service.
2. Biographies and photographs of TCHC members are solicited for publication on the TCHC website.
3. With respect to the Grove Planned Unit Development, and a historical survey pertaining to same, a motion was made by May Schmidt, seconded by Teri Flack, authorizing the Chair or some other TCHC member to speak to an upcoming City of Austin meeting; the motion was approved unanimously.
4. Mr. Ward described the pending creation of a Resource Committee, an advisory group of subject matter experts who will not be voting members of the TCHC, but will consult on issues as they arise.
5. Reporting on new member outreach, the Chair noted the presence at this meeting of Cynthia Evans, genealogist at the Carver Center, who is considering applying to serve on the TCHC.
6. The Chair reported on a request from a real estate agent for the TCHC to accept responsibility for perpetual maintenance of a new privately funded marker at Lions Municipal Golf Course; commission members expressed skepticism regarding the viability of this proposal.

Action Items

A motion to authorize the Chair to write a letter regarding the Wooldridge Square concept process was approved unanimously, as were motions to approve the historical markers for the Whitney-Keltner House located at 200 East 32nd Street in Austin and the Butler Brick Company.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Nora Jackson was absent for this meeting; Mr. Ward relayed her message that there were no changes from last month's report.

Research Committee:

Research Committee Chair Teri Flack briefed the TCHC membership and guests on two pending historical marker applications (see Action Items, above). Guest Phoebe Allen provided additional context for these applications.

Markers Committee:

Committee Chair David White led a discussion of the Missing Markers list that had previously been circulated via email.

Public Relations Committee:

Marty Moulthrop and Bob Ward discussed ongoing improvements to the website and plans for continuing revisions, renovations and additions.

CLG Committee:

Bob Ward reported on the progress made on the SW-W Travis County Survey & the African-American/Mexican-American Settlement survey, both of which are being finished, he said. He reported that the contract for the new Northwest Travis County survey is still pending. Mr. Ward also described three grant proposals he would be bringing to the Travis County Commissioners Court on Tuesday October 25th: (1.) Transportation history in Travis County, which would include all kinds of roads, streets, trails, ferry crossings etc. (2.) Lost communities, and (3.) History of Travis County Parks.

Announcements:

The Austin Archives Bazaar will be held on Sunday, October 16, and the Texas Archeology Month Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Shawn Malone
Secretary