



Collin County Historical Commission
Collin County Courthouse
Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX

Date: 01.25.2018
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
Alfredo Arias, Communications/Media*
Michael Black, Chair
Larry Collins, Grants
Chris Krupa Downs, Historic Assets Survey*
Naomi Emmett, Treasurer
Joy Gough, State Markers
Linda Hess, Josephine
Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair
Clyde Kerley, Lakes Trail
Lolisa Laenger, Cruises*
Diane Miller, Melissa
Kim Peat, Anna
Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Allen
Jan Thatcher, Secretary*
Marianne Wells, Plano
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison*

Absent*

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Donna Jenkins. No guests were present. A new member Catherine Casavant from Plano was introduced.

Public Comments: Paula Ross representing Allen, passed out flyers for Sam Bass Day on February 24, 2018, and Celebrating Black History Month on February 11, 2018.

A flyer for Anna Area Historical Preservation Society for the First Annual Collin McKinney Independence Day Luncheon on March 3, 2018, was distributed. Paula also mentioned the Farmersville Luncheon on February 24.

Minutes: Joy Gough made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting, Linda Hess second. Motion passed.

Roll Call and Hours: Donna Jenkins asked members to sign a list and note their county and other hours. Hours for CCHC total 190. Other volunteer hours totaled 96.

Treasurer's Report: Naomi Emmett gave the report. The county decided to take the 3 markers (Anna Depot, Santa Fe Depot, and High Point Church) that were put through in late August and add them to our FY18 Budget. The revised budget is \$52,975. Encumbered is \$100.00 for the state marker for Bankhead Highway and \$570.00 for Marianne and Paula to attend the Texas Historical Commission Real Places Conference. A total of \$4,913.94 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a budget of \$48,061.06. We are in balance with the county.

Linda Hess made a motion to accept the budget, with Clyde Kerley second. Motion passed.

Special Committee (CCHC Wear): No report

Finance: No report

Grants: Larry Collins distributed the 2018-2019 grant applications and a handout sheet about past projects since the 2009 at the Coalition Meeting of January 13, 2018. Only five people were present at the meeting. The cold weather may have kept people away. The grant application is now on the county website under the Collin County Historical Commission. The mandatory grant workshop is May 8 at the Carriage House with the deadline of June 1 to submit the application. Grant applications were available for CCHC.

Awards Committee: The awards nomination form is on the county website under the Collin County Historical Commission. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 6, 2018. The awards will be present at the Preservation Celebration on Saturday, April 28, 2018, in Frisco.

Larry Collins asked for suggestions from the board for the best way to promote the past grant project handouts to the Commissioners and citizens. Members suggested he make a presentation to the Commissioners Court in the future and to place the list of grants on the county website.

Cruise Committee: No report

Film Preservation: Janice Quick reported picking up DVD's and digital files of three VHS tapes from the Collin County History Museum that had been dropped off at U-Edit Video. The tapes included "Texas Day" filmed at Huffman Elementary in Plano in 1993 and two tapes about the Candace Montgomery Trial, the last trial held in the old courthouse in McKinney.

U-Edit Video is closing the storefront location in Richardson and starting a mobile service based in McKinney. Going forward, they will either pick up our items or meet us at a convenient location.

Speakers Bureau: Eric Nishimoto has created the webpage for the Collin County Historical Commission's Speakers Bureau. Right now, it contains information about five speakers, but we will continue to publicize and grow the Speaker's Bureau. The URL for the web page is [http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical%20commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx).

State Markers: Marianne Wells reported the committee is researching and writing for three markers in Plano: Aldridge House, Wells House, and Oliver Loving's first Texas Homestead. They have received permission from the director of the Plano Parks Department to place the Loving marker in Bob Woodruff Park which is part of the original Loving Survey. Joy was surprised to find that in 1990 the first preservation consultant who inventoried structures in the City of Plano, identified the consultant's great-grandfather's house as qualifying for both a state historical marker and National Register of

Historic Places. The current owner of the house has agreed to have a marker placed there. The marker application for the Saigling House has been accepted for processing.

County Markers: Marianne Wells reported the director of the Plano Parks Dept. has agreed to place a marker in Steindam Park, to tell the story of 1st. Lt. Russell Steindam who was one of only two soldiers from Collin County to receive the Medal of Honor, the other being Audie Murphy. The County Commissioners recently, by unanimous vote, named the courthouse the Russell A. Steindam Courts Building in his honor. The Department of Military Science at the University of Texas at Austin is also named for him. The research has been started.

Paula Ross stated the 3 county marker applications received, are all from the Anna area. They are a Collin McKinney marker for a new historical park in Anna, the Kelly Community, and the Warden Cemetery. Work has started on the county marker booklet.

Lakes Trail: Clyde Kerley distributed the Lakes Trail magazine. He reported the Lakes Trail is 50 years old starting in 1968 by Gov. John Connally and the Texas Highway Commission to promote tourism in conjunction with the HemisFair and the founding of San Antonio 250 years prior.

Education Programs: No report

Communications/Media: No report

Tax Abatement: Joy Gough passed out the annual report for 2018 County Historic Property Tax Abatement. Recommended for approval was 175 and 4 were denied. Janice Quick, made the motion to approve the report, with Linda Hess second. Motion passed, and the report will go to the commissioners on February 25, 2018.

Historical Assets: No report

Workshops: Paula Ross noted there are no workshops scheduled at this time. The plan is to have 2-3 smaller workshops later in the spring.

Paula and Marianne attended the THC workshop and shared information on several of the sessions, such as how to help cities tell their stories, their lost history and how to reach millennials.

Preservation Celebration: Michael Black reported work is continuing on the Preservation Celebration.

Members sang Happy Birthday to Clyde before adjourning at 7:48.

Respectively Submitted,

Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair