



Collin County Historical Commission
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McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 04.28.2022
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises *

Elden Baker, Anna

Candace Fountoulakis, Plano

Joy Gough, Tax Abatement

Linda Hess, Farmersville

Eric Hogue, Treasurer

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Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries

Nathan White, Vice Chair

Wiebold, Misty, Farmersville

Jane Yancey, Plano

Brittany Yurkovich, Weston

Jennifer Rogers, Liaison

Judy Moody, Liaison

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Public Comments: Thanks to Candace Fountoulakis for this evening meal. Allen Heritage Guild and the City of Allen will have a locomotive unveiling ceremony on Thursday, May 12, 2022 from 6-7 p.m. at the Allen Depot. Welcome Karen Zupanic, Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. The Heard-Craig Center received a grant last year and as part of terms of the agreement for the grant, is presenting a Final Report on the project. The Heard-Craig Center has an ongoing project of oral histories from around the county. The interviews are video recorded and include the following names:

Paul Allen, John Hardin, Julia “Judy” Kane, Guy Giersch, Leonard Gonzales, Samuel Allen, Sue Monroe, Charles McKissick, Jim Boone, Judge John L McCraw, Norman Gidney and Clint Rutledge, and former CCHC member, Larry Collins. All videos were handled by Stonebridge Videography and are on the Heard-Craig and the City of McKinney websites.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were accepted. Volunteer hours total 613.

Treasurer’s Report: Year to date: With the budget of \$49,900, expenditures totaled \$9704.97, encumbrances totaled \$900, leaving \$42,025.03 left in the budget. We are in balance with the county. (Note: February 24, 2022 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.)

Committee Reports:

Speaker’s Bureau:

- a. Janet Stovall posted an article in the June Newsletter asking for people to be listed on the Bureau.
- b. Janet Contacted all current speakers to inquire if they wanted to stay on the Bureau and/or if they wanted to change anything posted on the website.
- c. Make additions and corrections to the website if needed.

Cataloging Local Histories/Films: Brittany Yurkovich is in process of interviewing City Council members of Weston. Jean Young has been interviewed about Van Alstyne. Discussion ensued about the best way to preserve these files. MP4 was mentioned as the latest technology available. It was also mentioned the Dallas Public Library has this technology. All files should have a text file also.

Collin County Cruise: Mary Kaye Adams has created a graphic for the bus tour publicity. The tour of east Plano and Allen is scheduled for May 14th from 9-4. Stops in Allen include the Allen Train Depot and Heritage Village. In Plano, the Interurban and Heritage Farmstead Museum. The deadline for reservations is May 12th.

Grants: The Grant Committee has made recommendations, sent those recommendations out earlier in the week to all CCHC members for consideration. The recommendations were approved. The recommendations will be sent to our County Liaison to be placed on a future Commissioners Court agenda. From there, contracts will be drawn up, sent out for signatures, then checks will be issued for the projects.

State Markers: Aldridge House (Plano): The marker was dedicated on Saturday, April 23rd. The Mayor of Plano and four city council members attended along with a member of the Plano Heritage Commission and Plano’s Heritage Officer. A descendant, who had spent summers in the house, came from Mississippi and will come back in the fall with family records and more information on the house. Clint Haggard hosted a very nice reception at the Saigling House a block away. Thanks to Historical Commission members who came.

Community ISD: Marianne Wells received word that the marker was going to be shipped. No word yet on its arrival.

First Baptist Church of Lavon: The marker is in the queue at the foundry.

Marker Relocations Pending: Liberty Baptist Church (Plano); Frankford Cemetery (Dallas); First Baptist Church of Plano; United Methodist Church of Prosper; The Cross Church (formerly First Baptist of Wylie).

Interest in future marker applications: Ballard House (405 M Ballard, Wylie); Schimelpfenig (Plano); Glass-Chapman (Farmersville).

Marker Issues: Cottage Hill (Celina); Gough House (McKinney).

Historic Cemeteries: Medallions pending: **Buckner Cemetery (McKinney):** paid and sent to State Historical Commissioners for approval; **Ross Cemetery (McKinney):** applied for but not invoiced.

County Markers: On April 15th, markers for the Greater Moore's Chapel and the Allen Colored School were dedicated. Among those in attendance were County Commissioner, Darrel Hale, the Mayor of Allen, and members of the CCHC, Joy Gough, Jan Samuels, Marianne Wells and CCHC Chair, Paula Ross.

Work is in progress for the Mallow place (Melissa). The Halltown marker is still in process. Prices for markers are increasing.

Communications/Public Relations: Jan Samuels has written an article about the Preservation Celebration and sent it to the Wylie Newspaper and to Jobin Panicker of ABC Dallas, Allie Spillyards of NBC Dallas (thanks to Eric Hogue for his help). Jan also sent a reminder about Saturday to both of them.

- a. FaceBook: Posted invitations for the PC Event and the Collin County Cruise (Bus Tour) along with the youth video competition winner.
- b. Web page: has the current CCHC Newsletter, invitations for the PC event and the bus Tour, and important dates for the rest of the year.
- c. Newsletter: The newsletter for May is ready for the Historical Commission's review. News articles for June are due May 16th.

Tax Abatement: There is nothing to report at this time.

Historic Assets Survey: The Masonic Lodge in McKinney will be converted into a restaurant.

Preservation Celebration/Awards:

- a. Everything is on schedule. Reminders were sent April 12 and 25th. RSVP's are coming in and the program book has been picked up.
- b. The video Paula and Jennifer made is on YouTube. A link was posted on FaceBook. Paula sent a draft proclamation to the City of Wylie and the Mayor is expected to attend and read the proclamation.
- c. Jan Samuels has communicated with Key people to get TV coverage.
- d. Paula and Nathan have a 'Master of Ceremony Script" guide and Jan Thatcher sent Nathan the bios for the Award Winners.
- e. The committee is having a post-event lunch May 18th to evaluate the PC process.
- f. Plan to create a fill-in-the-blank form to help organize the next PC events.

Educational Programs/Children's Programs: All went well with Landon's award ceremony at the homeschool co-op a few weeks ago. The next competition has officially begun which is an

art and poetry competition. Please try to promote this competition to local families. Send it out where you can.

Possible idea for the little kids as Brittany has mentioned before in meetings but would like to get a bit more serious about making it a reality: making a Collin County History Coloring Book. Steps we could take: reach out to the different cities and towns in the county (through the CCHC newsletter, possibly, and request submissions from each town of a noteworthy person and/or place and/or event from that specific area along with a few sentences of explanation. The goal is to get a variety of coloring pages from around the county. Hopefully, we could get submissions on a regular basis to have a big county coloring book (and if we get enough over time) we could support each town (and their respective historical societies) to have coloring books for their town. This could be a lot of fun and a great opportunity for outreach to younger kids and schools of little ones. We could offer this coloring book online as a PDF for free but also, we could print copies as well.

Oral Histories: See Cataloging Local Histories/Film.

Workshops: Paula Ross and Misty Wiebold are working on a few ideas for workshops. One would be a “how to” create a new historical society in towns that don’t have a historical society. Steps would include structuring and bylaws. Joy Gough mentioned Lovejoy ISD has a historical society.

Adjourn: 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary