



Collin County Historical Commission
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McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 05.26.22
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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Harold Sickler, Plano *
Janet Stovall, Speakers Bureau
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries *
Nathan White, Vice Chair *
Misty Wiebold, Farmersville
Jane Yancey, Plano
Brittany Yurkovitch, Weston
Jennifer Rogers, Liaison
Judy Moody, Liaison

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:30 p.m.

Public Comments: Thank you, Janet Stovall, for providing this evening's meal. The latest edition of The Weston Post is out. Brittany Yurkovitch is open to any suggestions for future issue topics.

Allen will host a Flag Day on Saturday, June 11 at 10:30 a.m. Representatives from the VFW, DAR and the Allen Community Band will be present.

Memorial Day Celebrations around the county include: McKinney: information may be found on the City of McKinney website; Celina's, Monday, May 30th at 9 a.m. Brigadier General Carl Darnell, who invented the process for chlorinating

water in 1910, will be honored; Thompson Cemetery, located on Hwy. 78, north of Hwy. 6 will hold a service at 2:30 p.m.

On June 6th at 11 a.m. 6 portraits by Colin Kimball will be installed at a Collin County Courthouse.

On June 9th at 6 p.m., Allen will have a dedication ceremony for the new locomotive.

Minutes and Roll Call: The April minutes were accepted with corrections. The total number of volunteer hours were 529.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date: With the amended budget of \$52,630, monies spent and encumbered total \$14,142.74, leaving a balance of \$38,487.26. We are in balance with the County. The Treasurers Report was accepted.

Committee Reports:

Cataloging Local Histories/Film: There is nothing to report at this time.

Collin County Cruise: Highlights from the May 14th cruise included tours of the Allen Depot and Allen Heritage Village; in Plano, stops at the Heritage Farmstead Museum and Interurban Museum, along with a brief stop at the mural found in the Douglass Community at 12th St and I Ave.

Grants: Commissioner's approval is expected at the June meeting. Once approved, contracts will be sent out to this year's recipients. The recipient will sign and return the document, checks will then be issued by the County and will be mailed.

State Markers: *Lair Cemetery (Anna), Bethany Cemetery (Plano), Yates-Strickland House (Celina)*: State Marker narratives and applications were submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on May 16th. Recommendations by the State Marker Team for all those submitted across the state will be reviewed by the State Historical Commissioners at the quarterly meeting at the end of July. Those being submitted to the State Commissioners will be found in the agenda for that meeting when it is posted. Notification of approved markers will be published by the first week in August. The marker production invoice payment will be due by September 15th. There is no firm price at this time. Estimates may be as high as \$2500 each. Many thanks to Harold Sickler and Jane Yancey for working around the clock in the last few days of the application period and to Candace Fountoulakis for writing the narrative for Bethany Cemetery.

Gallagher House (Wylie): The marker was unveiled on April 30th after the Preservation Celebration Awards Luncheon. State Representative Candy Noble read the inscription.

Community ISD (Nevada): The marker arrived at the County Road & Bridge Dept. Linda Hess inspected it and is planning the marker unveiling and dedication in September to coincide with Homecoming and the 75th Anniversary of the school.

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

Orenduff Cemetery (Melissa): The inscription draft has been received and is being reviewed.

Marker Relocations Pending:

First Baptist Church of Plano

Frankford Cemetery

Liberty Baptist Church (now Willow Bend Baptist Church, Plano)

The Cross Church (Formerly First Baptist Church of Wylie)

United Methodist Church of Prosper

Glass-Chapman Cemetery (Farmersville): Linda Hess plans to work on the Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) Marker for Glass-Chapman which has just been designated an HTC. Claudine Collins did the work for the designation.

Lawson House (Wylie): Tracy Lawson, whose house was on the tour after the Preservation Celebration, has submitted a narrative and pictures for her house for next year's marker application period. Marianne Wells and committee will be reviewing it over the summer.

Other Possible Marker Applications: Ballard House (Wylie) and the Schimelpfenig House (Plano).

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

Historic Cemeteries: Lovell Cemetery (Collin College, Farmersville Campus):

Marianne Wells, Harold Sickler, Misty Wiebold and Jane Yancey met with Provost Diana Hopes and Marcy Whited at the college about a Historic Texas Cemetery designation for Lovell Cemetery. The cemetery is located in the rear of the college's property. Misty will work with Marcy to get all the information for the designation application. Marcy has already accomplished much of the preliminary work. Often these meetings are helpful to applicants because the applicants think more documentation is needed than necessary and can get overwhelmed.

Horn Cemetery: Now that the push to get marker narratives written and applications submitted is over, the committee will work on finalizing the HTC designation application for this cemetery.

Medallions Pending: Buckner (McKinney): Paid and sent to State Historical Commissioners for approval.

Ross Cemetery (McKinney): The medallion has been applied for but not invoiced.

County Markers: Markers for the Iron Bridge (Allen), Halltown (Parker/Lucas) and Mallow Place (Melissa) are in process.

Historic Assets: All known schools and old churches within the county are being researched.

Preservation Celebration: The 2022 Preservation Celebration Wylie was fantastic! Guests included County Commissioner Cheryl Williams, State Representative Candy Noble and Wylie Mayor Mathew Porter. Boy Scout Troop #1989 provided parking directions, presented the Colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiances. All attendees sang “God Bless America.” Rev. Anthony Densmore of St. Anthony Catholic Church lead the Invocation. A Mayoral Proclamation was presented by Wylie Mayor Mathew Porter, and the Collin County Coalition groups were recognized by the CCHC Co-Chair, Judge Nathan White.

Keynote speaker was past Wylie Mayor, Eric Hogue, giving a presentation on Wylie history which had some surprising revelations. Dr. Al Draper with First Baptist Church of Wylie gave a blessing before lunch. After a BBQ lunch catered by Bold BBQ, the CCHC Chair, Paula Ross discussed the importance of volunteerism and Alexis Tapp, Wylie Historical Society (WHS) spoke of volunteerism and membership for the WHS. Paula and Nathan presented the 2022 Preservation Awards and many pictures were taken.

After the closing of the event, guests were invited to attend the unveiling and dedication of a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark at 1:00 p.m. at the Vincent Gallagher House across the street on Ballard. Representative Candy Noble participated in the ceremony.

Many thanks to all who participated in the program and who attended the event. We appreciate your support! While, the CCHC Co-Chairs, Janet Stovall and Jan Samuels, along with WHS President, Jennifer Wakefield, acted as the steering and planning committee, the members of the WHS are the ones who carried out the plans. They did a wonderful job with Jennifer’s leadership and are the real stars of the event. It could not have been successful without them and the church staff who assisted. We thank them for their support for this event and dedication to Wylie history.

Put April 29, 2023 on your calendar for the next Preservation Celebration in Celina, TX.

Educational Programs/Children's Programs: Landon Johnson's video competition win was announced in the recent edition of The Weston Post as was a full-page announcement for the summer art and poetry competition. The art/poetry deadline is July 11 which allows approximately 6 weeks to promote the competition. Brittany Yurkovitch has posted it to multiple FaceBook groups and will send out reminders. So far, there have been no submissions however, Landon assures Brittany that he wants to submit a piece of art about the Anna Depot.

Also, the announcement for coloring page submissions went out in the last CCHC newsletter and have had no submissions at this time.

Oral Histories: Jean Young's interview was published in Spring 2022 edition of The Weston Post. Jean was the County District Clerk for several years.

Workshops: The committee is looking to the Coalition groups for suggestions for future workshops.

Speakers Bureau: June 30th is the deadline to be added to the list of speakers.

Publicity: Jan Samuels contacted the Wylie Newspaper with information for the Preservation Celebration which was published just prior to the Celebration. Jan also contacted the Wylie Chamber of Commerce with information for the Preservation Celebration which was published by the Chamber. Jan also contacted Alison Spillyards with NBC News, Dallas, and Jobin Paniker of ABC News, Dallas, by phone and email twice with information on the Preservation Celebration. Both awaited assignments from their supervisors which, sadly, never occurred. Information for Connections Magazine, Wylie, requires two months prior to publication and plans were not completely set by that time. The Collin County Newsletter is on the County website. It has information about the Speakers Bureau and Preservation Celebration 2023-Celina.

Adjourn: 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary