



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

Date: 07.26.18  
Heard Craig Carriage House  
205 West Hunt, McKinney  
6:30 PM

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

Absent\*

Call to Order: 6:58 pm

**Public Comments:** Thank you, Kim Peat, for our meal.

Joy Gough tells us that the Celina Museum is very nice. Its hours are 1-3 every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Donna Jenkins tells us that the Tri-Cities (Murphy, Wylie and Sachse) are finalizing plans for the day event “Cotton from Farm to Market,” September 22. Activities will be geared for students K-5 but all ages are welcome. It will be held at the Sachse Museum.

Murphy Historical Society is working on a Murphy Veterans Tribute. Invitations will be sent out for the preview.

The quarterly Coalition meeting had a good turnout. Workshop chair, Paula Ross, arranged for a representative of the Sam Rayburn Museum to speak.

Our own, Eric Nishimoto, will be at Half Priced Books, NW corner of Preston & Gaylord, in Frisco, on Wednesday, August 29. to speak and promote his book “Texas Maker: The Heretofore Unknown Legend of Collin McKinney.” The event begins at 6:30.

**Minutes & Roll Call for Volunteer Hours:** Minutes were approved with corrections. Total volunteer hours for the month: CCHC: 374; Others: 144

**Treasurer's Report:** Year to date out of a revised budget of \$52,975.00 for the Historical Commission; \$15,331.09 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$37,643.91. We have spent 28.94% of our budget. Because of the absence of our treasurer at the June meeting, a motion was made and there was a second to approve both June and July's treasurer's reports.

### **Special Committee Reports**

- a) **Shirts for Commission Members (Update):** Though a purchase order was submitted, Eric Nishimoto informed the board that the county will not fund this project. It will be up to the individuals that voiced interest in purchasing a denim shirt to purchase one. An email will be sent out to that affect.
- b) **Orphan Cemeteries (Update):** Buckner-Marianne Wells visited the Appraisal District Mapping Department to see how the county determined the boundaries of the cemetery. The county suggested a survey and referred Marianne to the Records office to pull deeds of contiguous owners. Friday, 07.27.18, she will have a computer-aided design (CAD) map with an overlay of Google maps.
- c) **Nominating Committee Report:** It was reported that the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary positions will be willing to continue another year. The Treasurer's position was open. Naomi Emmet, who has been Treasurer for several years now is stepping down to further her education. We greatly appreciate all the time and effort Naomi has given to the CCHC. Catherine Casavant has accepted the position. At the August meeting the nominees will be announced and at that time, any other nominations will be announced. A vote will then be taken. The Nomination Committee consists of Paula Ross, Joy Gough and Jan Thatcher.

### **Committee Reports**

**Grants:** On Monday, July 16, 2018 the Collin County Commissioners Court awarded \$25,000.00 to

14 grant recipients. All Contracts were signed by the grant recipients and W-9 forms were attached. Judge Self will sign the contracts for the county. Funds should be distributed by the end of September. Since 2009, the Collin County Historical Commission has issued 118 grants for \$260,250.00 with the approval of the Collin County Commissioners Court.

Eric Nishimoto suggested the grants presentations be conducted at the quarterly Coalition meetings to promote the grant program.

**Cruise (Tour) Committee:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Film Preservation:** The Film Preservation committee met with Deborah Kilgore to learn more about oral histories the Collin County History Museum conducted from 1983 to 2007 with residents of Murphy, Farmersville, Altoga, Melissa, Lovejoy, Anna and McKinney. Committee member Kim Peat will be coordinating the digitizing of the oral histories-again using U-Edit Video as the vendor.

**County Markers:** The marker committee has sent a purchase order for the Cattleman's marker. The committee also requested the Steindam marker be "mocked-up" to be sent to Plano for approval and payment. The marker will be placed in a Plano park.

The Kelly Community marker is still in the process with more information currently being gathered.

The Marker Committee, Diane Miller, Donna Jenkins, Marianne Wells, Kim Peat and Paula Ross met July 5 to discuss and plan the county marker book. Becky Airhart-Smith is also contributing. Each person took assignments and Kim has volunteered to put it all together. The committee had requested 300 books similar to the large marker book from a few years ago. Initial order will be distributed to museums, heritage groups, city halls and libraries. The hope is to also make it available online after publication. The work is in progress with the purchase order submitted for \$4050.00. To date, there are 62 markers throughout the county.

**State Markers:** Gallagher House (Wylie): Marianne Wells has received narrative and pictures. Marianne sent the information to the Texas Historical Commission Marker Committee for a preliminary ruling as to whether or not it qualifies because of the extensive changes to the back. More research needs to be done, but will await the ruling from the THC.

Bankhead Highway: Bankhead marker is not being accepted for 2018's markers. The THC wants the committee to reapply for 2019. Since the marker was accepted in 2018 and there was just a payment issue in the county's accounting department, the CCHC can prepay for next year and get it in this year's budget. There is no need to submit another fee with the new application.

Orenduff Cemetery: Marianne is ready to submit the application for a Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

Community Independent School District: Marianne received the narrative from Linda Hess.

Blue Ridge: The marker is scheduled to be set in stone Friday, 07.27.18 in the gazebo.

**Speakers Bureau:** Two new speakers have been added to the CCHC Speakers Bureau web page and added verbiage to indicate that speakers may charge a fee. There are now seven speakers and 34 topics. The Speakers Bureau may be found on the Collin County Historical Commission's website at: [http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical\\_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx)

**Lakes Trails:** August 29 the monthly meeting will be held at the Dallas Cowboy's world headquarters, the Frisco Star. The event starts at the atrium at 9:30 with a 10:00 am tour of the facility. The tour will include the Atrium, Optum Suite, Training Table and the Ford Center. RSVP if interested for an accurate head count for lunch. Clyde Kerley distributed a flyer promoting the event. It will also be sent in an email to the CCHC board to promote the event.

**Educational Programs:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Communications/Media:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Tax Abatement:** Square Burger applied last year for tax abatement.

**Historic Assets Survey:** There is nothing to report at this time other than Loydell Seward is willing to work with anyone interested in historic assets.

**Workshops:** The Workshop committee was excited to host Anne Ruppert, curator from the Sam Rayburn House and Museum in Bonham, as a speaker at the Coalition Meeting on July 21. Anne gave a great presentation on the museum and shared a lot of history on Mr. Sam. She made good connections with all groups and actually lives in Anna. The CCHC will be donating \$100.00 to the Museum as part of our workshop budget.

At the Coalition meeting, new guests inquired about grants. They were informed they needed a 501(C)3 or 13 (for cemetery designation). Several people offered information and a workshop has been discussed earlier on this subject. Paula Ross has reached out to Deborah Kilgore with the Collin County Museum about a time and place before mid-September.

**Preservation Celebration 2019:** There is nothing to report at this time.

Adjourn: 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary