



Collin County Historical Commission
7117 CR 166
McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 08.26.21
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises *
Dave Cornette, Allen
Candace Fountoulakis, Plano
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
Eric Hogue, Wylie
Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair *
Diann Jones, Anna
Colin Kimball, McKinney *
Paula Ross, Chair
Jan Samuels, Public Relations
Harold Sickler, Plano
Janet Stovall, Speakers Bureau
Jan Thatcher, Secretary/Treasurer *
Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries
Nathan White, McKinney
Jane Yancey, Plano
Brittany Yurkovitch, Weston
Jennifer Rogers, Liaison
Judy Florence, Liaison

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:30 p. m. Joy Gough acted as secretary in the absence of Jan Thatcher.

Public Comments: Thank you, Jan Samuels, for the dinner from Jason's Deli. The summer edition of the Weston Post is out. Brittany brought in extra copies to share.

Thursday, October 21, 2021 will be the next Coalition meeting held at MPAC in McKinney. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Coalition meetings are held quarterly, alternating Thursday nights (7 p.m.) and Saturday mornings (9:00 a.m.). Meetings are held in January, April, July and October every year.

Minutes and Roll Call: The minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Year to Date: With a budget of \$49,900, a total of \$34,606.25 has been spent, \$5590.00 encumbered, leaving a balance of \$9703.75. We have spent 71% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Nomination Committee: The slate of officers for 2021-2022 was presented as follows:

Chairman: Paula Ross
Vice Chairman: Nathan White
Treasurer: Eric Hogue
Recording Secretary: Jan Thatcher

Jan Samuels made a motion to accept the slate as presented. Marianne Wells seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Workshops: There is a possibility of a workshop on gravestone cleaning. October 16 is the National Day of Service for the DAR.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The checks have been issued and mailed to the historical groups to fund their projects. A Final Report from the Heard Craig Center for the Arts is scheduled for the October meeting.

Speakers Bureau: The Speakers Bureau list has been updated to 18.

State Markers:

The applications for the Brinlee Cemetery and the 1st Baptist Church of Lavon are on review at Texas State Historical Commission. Fifty markers are approved each year.

The state marker for the Lair Cemetery in Anna has been approved.

State Markers to be moved include: City of Prosper, City of Blue Ridge, Frankford Cemetery, and 1st United Methodist Church of Prosper.

Forest Grove Christian Church in Lucas and Pleasant Hill Cemetery at Nevada will have plaques added.

Historic Cemeteries:

Ross Cemetery (McKinney): The certificate for Historic Texas Cemetery designation has been received for the Ross Cemetery. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 24.

Buckner Cemetery (McKinney): The land around the Buckner Cemetery on US 380 in McKinney is being developed. There is an issue about the boundaries for the cemetery.

Kelly Cemetery (Anna): This cemetery is on the list to complete a Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) designation application.

Fitzhugh Cemetery (Lucas): The Cemetery association has been contacted about applying for a Historic Texas Cemetery designation.

Old Richards Cemetery (Arnold/Blue Ridge): A descendant who lives nearby wants to clean-up the cemetery and apply for a marker.

PGA Cemeteries (Frisco): The Landrum Cemetery located in Frisco but in Denton County, applied for and received an HTC designation several months ago and had a Texas Cemetery State Marker approved this week. Susanne Kerley has been working on a Historic Texas Cemetery designation for Smith Cemetery in Frisco (Collin County),

County Markers: The Halltown and the Collin McKinney markers are at the foundry. It is hoped that the markers will be delivered in time for Preservation Celebration.

Historic Asset Survey (HAS): The committee is concentrating on cemeteries at this time.

Educational Programs: The deadline for the essay contest is September 30. Since cash cannot be awarded through the Commission, the Committee is considering asking for donations for the perceived winners in the three grades, which would be \$100 per grade winner. Brittany Yurkovitch asks that all CCHC members promote the essay contest. So far one application has been received.

Communications: Please “like” the CCHC FaceBook page. Janet Stovall and Paula Ross are in charge of the Face Book page.

Public Relations: Jan Samuels is continuing to leave CCHC brochures in Chamber of Commerce offices and hotels/motels throughout Collin County. Jan has submitted an article about the CCHC to the Fairview Magazine, Frisco Life, which recently appeared in the Weston Post. She has also contacted Living Magazine in Plano, Allen and McKinney.

Tax Abatement: No inquiries at this time.

Preservation Celebration 2021-Anna: A train theme will be used highlighting Anna’s Train Depot and history. Decorations and a caterer have been chosen. Invitations have been sent. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. The speaker will be Elden Baker, who is director of the Anna Train Depot Museum. After the brunch, guests may visit the Old Train Depot nearby. After the Preservation Celebration, the City of Anna plans to have a dedication ceremony for the Collin McKinney statue that stands nearby.

Awards: The awards have been ordered for the Preservation Celebration 2021-Anna.

Nathan White would like to compile a list of videos and other media that pertain to the history of Collin County. At present there are historic items scattered throughout the county in various venues.

Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Gough for Jan Thatcher, Secretary