



Collin County Historical Commission
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Absent*

Public Comments: The final report and summary for a grant was presented by Suzanne Kerley, representing the Heritage Association of Frisco, who received a \$1445.00 grant. Suzanne gave the report for Mara Pitcher, the association's intern, who was the creator of the project and was unable to attend due to health issues. The grant funded the creation of an interactive museum exhibit focused on the role of occupations and community in historical context for early childhood education. The Frisco Community Interactive Education exhibit will especially help children in grades kindergarten through third grade. The objects in the exhibit include a wooden butter churn, a hand pump for a family well, and cooking utensils used in the early twentieth century. A costume cart includes sixteen occupational themed costume for ages 4-10 years.

Minutes and Volunteer Hours: The minutes were accepted with corrections. Volunteer hours for the commission total 226 hours. Other volunteer organizations total 57 hours.

Treasurer's Report: **Year to date** out of a revised budget of \$52,400 for the Historical Commission; \$44331.42 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$8,068.58. We have spent 84.60% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports:

Grants: All final reports and summary presentations are now complete for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. The eight recipients for fiscal year 2017-2018 grant program have received checks from the county to fund their projects.

The budget request for 2017-2018 is: \$26,000.00. \$25,000.00 for grants, \$1000.00 for emergency grants. The Grant Committee consists of Larry Collins, chairperson, Naomi Emmett, Linda Hess, Jan Thatcher.

Vision Statement: The CCHC's grant program exists to give money for heritage events, projects, and programs in Collin County. The CCHC will offer an opportunity for the recipient to receive funds so that their heritage efforts will benefit a town, city, Collin County or the entire North Texas region.

Goals: 1.) This is the only available funding in the county to assist the various organizations for historical preservation and education. Support the Collin County Commissioners' Court for making funds available for dispersal and a financial commitment to maintain the grant program. 2.) Expand the membership of the coalition by promoting the grant program through media and at coalition meetings. 3.) Expand the number of grant applicants. 4.) Improve the program by updating the grant application annually. 5.) Allow the grant program to continue to help the historical organizations of Collin County who have financial and emergency needs. 6.) Continue to spend the dollars on the grant program which creates a ripple effect by preserving our historical asset for future generations.

Awards: The budget request for the Preservation Celebration Awards Committee is \$425.00. The proposed budget consists of \$375 for Plaques, \$50 for Certificates and Frames. Members of the committee consists of Larry Collins, chairperson, Diane Miller, Jan Thatcher.

The mission Statement for the Preservation Celebration Awards Committee is as follows: Recognize individuals, programs, organizations, city/town or business for exemplary work with historic preservation in Collin County at the annual spring Preservation Celebration.

Goals: 1.) Continue the following award categories: Collin McKinney Achievement, Excellence in Historical Education, Leadership in Preservation, Living Legacy of Collin County and Young Visionaries. 2.) Increase the number of nominations through media and communicate with the members of the Coalition. 3.) After nominations are received, the awards standing committee will select the awardees, create plaques and certificates of appreciation and contact awardees and nominees. 4.) The chair or another member of the standing committee will serve as a member of the Preservation Celebration committee. 5.) Hand out awards and certificates of appreciation at the Preservation Celebration.

Cruise (Tour) Committee: There is nothing to report at this time. The budget request for the upcoming year is \$2000.00 for bus rental, meals and printed material. Members of the committee are: Jan Thatcher, chair, Donna Jenkins, Diane Miller, Lolisa Laenger.

Texas Film Round-up: Developed plans for fiscal year 2017-2018, which begins September 1. The most important goals for the next year are: 1) Find and digitize historical videos related to Collin County. The committee will find local vendors to digitize these films for us for free. 2) Participate with other CCHC committees in a workshop to let people know about CCHC's activities-for example, the film round-up committee, grants program, etc.

Mission Statement: To discover and preserve films and videos that showcase Collin County's history and culture. To make those videos available to the public.

Accomplishments for FY 2016-2017: 1.) Started effort to find historical videos related to Collin County; then found out that the Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) would not be able to digitize any more films for us. 2.) Digitized one 16mm film from 1949-1950 belonging to the Collin County History Museum. DVDs of the film were given to the museum and the McKinney Public Library. 3.) Met with the McKinney librarian, Susan Kusterbeck, to finalize plans for giving the library a hard drive of 40 to 50 Collin County videos collected during our Texas Film Round-up. 4.) Gave DVDs of CCHC's Preservation Celebration 2016-2017 to the McKinney Library. The DVDs will be circulating-meaning the public will be allowed to check them out.

The requested budget for this year is \$2400.00. Goals for FY 2017-2018: 1.) Continue effort to find historical videos related to Collin County. 2.) Meet one more time to view videos turned in during the Texas Film Round-up. Copy the most significant ones to an external hard drive to be given to the McKinney Public Library. (The goal is to have 40 to 50 films about Collin County/Texas available at the Library.) 3.) Write content for a Film Round-up page for the Historical Commission's website. 4.) Participate with other CCHC committees in a workshop to let people know about CCHC's activities-the film round-up committee, grants, etc. 5.) Goals may be updated and changed as necessary.

Members of the committee are: Janice Quick, chair, Diane Miller, Kim Peat, Lolisa Laenger.

County Markers: There will be a marker dedication for High Pointe Church of Christ on Sunday October 15 at 1 pm. The church is located at 3201 N. Central Expressway, McKinney, TX 75071. There will be a church service and lunch, then the dedication at 1pm. They are celebrating 100 years.

There will be a future marker dedication at the Greer House in Anna. The marker has been installed.

There are one hundred-plus markers in Collin County. To publicize the markers, it was suggested to update the present marker book, develop a map or booklet with all marker locations and to have the information available online.

The requested budget for this year is \$7600.

State Markers: There will be a marker dedication for the First United Methodist Church of Allen on October 29.

Possible state markers include Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Blue Ridge and the Saigling House in Plano. Marianne Wells is also researching the Oliver Loving connection to Collin County.

The Mantua marker is now re-installed. The First Baptist Church of Wylie moved their marker at their own expense.

The requested budget for State Markers is \$9500.00

Historic Burials Committee: Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) gave back to the community the land that the L. A. Davis Cemetery rests. The cemetery borders the rail line, where Dart was digging and discovered graves. The Davis Cemetery is located in the Douglass Community of Plano. Budget request for this committee is Zero.

Lakes Trails: The budget request for the upcoming year is \$150.00.

The fall issue of the magazine, "Authentic Texas" is out. Articles include the fall Frankford Prairie Walk and the origins of one of the oldest restaurants in Texas, El Fenix.

The State Fair of Texas starts tomorrow and the Lakes Trails Region will help in the Food and Fiber Building.

The budget passed by the state returns full funding and more, but is flowing through agency fingers: TXDot, THC and 'adjustments' to Jill Campbell's compensation. More to come. Stay tuned.

There is a correction for last month's comments on Collin McKinney. "Our Unlikely Fathers-Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence" by Louis Wiltz Kemp, offers detailed biographies of every signer within its 462 pages. Published by the Copano Bay Press.

Educational Programs: The budget request is \$1500.00. There is nothing to report.

Communications/Media: The Budget request is \$1500.00. There is nothing to report.

Tax Abatement: There is no budget request. There is nothing to report at this time.

Historic Assets Survey: The budget request is \$1000.00. There is nothing to report.

Workshops: The requested budget is \$1200.00.

"Abandoned Cemetery Preservation Workshop" will be hosted by the CCHC and the Texas Historical Commission staff on Wednesday, November 8, 2017 from 9-11:30 am at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Carriage House, 205 W. Hunt St. McKinney, TX 75069. The event is free but an RSVP is required. Continental breakfast and snacks will be provided.

Preservation Celebration: The requested budget is \$5600.00. There is nothing new to report at this time.

Request for future agenda items: A committee was formed to look into official shirts for the board members. The committee will make a report on the findings.

Adjourn at 8:09

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary