



Collin County Historical Commission
7117 CR 166
McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 09.30.21
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises *

Elden Baker, Anna

Dave Cornette, Allen

Candace Fountoulakis, Plano

Joy Gough, Tax Abatement

Linda Hess, Farmersville

Eric Hogue, Wylie

Donna Jenkins, *

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, Vice Chair

Jane Yancey, Plano

Brittany Yurkovitch, Weston

Jennifer Rogers, Liaison *

Judy Florence, Liaison *

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:31 p.m.

Welcome Guests: Elden Baker, Anna; Asher Hogue, grandson of CCHC member, Eric Hogue; Michael James Yurkovitch, son of CCHC member, Brittany Yurkovitch.

Public Comments: Karen Zupanic with the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts is scheduled to present a final report at the October meeting. The final report is the last step in the Grant Program, sharing what was accomplished with CCHC funds awarded to the Heard-Craig Center.

Murphy Historical Society will be celebrating their 10-year anniversary with an open house on October 16, 2021 from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Murphy Community Center.

Allen Heritage Village will be hosting “Whisper’s from the Past” on October 17, 2021 from 2-4:30 p.m. The Village is located at 450 E St. Mary Drive.

The next Collin County Coalition meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021, at the McKinney Performing Arts Center (MPAC), at 7 p.m. Janice Quick, with the Collin County Genealogy Society (CCGS) is scheduled to present the Final Report for a CCHC grant her group was awarded. With the grant funds received, the CCGS had old McKinney newspapers digitized by University of North Texas and added to the Texas Portal (a Texas Historical Commission project).

The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will be hosting a forum in McKinney on November 30, 2021 from 10-noon at MPAC. The purpose of the meeting, which will be held throughout the state, is to collect public comments as part of the THC’s Statewide Preservation Plan.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were approved as presented. Volunteer hours totaled 357.

Treasurer’s Report: The treasurer’s report was approved.

Committee Reports:

State Markers: Community School and the First Baptist Church of Lavon has been submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). The THC holds quarterly meetings, is a slow process and will await approval.

County Markers: Halltown marker was approved.

Preservation Celebration: Preservation Celebration 2021-Anna, was held September 18 at the First Christian Church in Anna. Our own Nathan White was the master of ceremony. The guest speaker was Elden Baker who shared some of the history of Anna and the railroad that built the town. Preservation awards were presented to this year’s winners. Recipients were: Sarah Harper, a volunteer with Chestnut Square for Excellence in Historical Education; Brian Bristow with the City of Allen Parks and Recreation Department, for Leadership in Preservation; and Pat Rodgers, volunteer with the Collin County History Museum and Society for the Living Legacy of Collin County award. The Train Depot was open for tours and later that afternoon, the City of Anna had a dedication and unveiling ceremony for the Collin McKinney statue and Texas State Marker in the park.

Historic Cemeteries: Ross Cemetery: An Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) Medallion presentation is scheduled for Ross Cemetery on Sunday October 24, 2021 at 2:30 p.m. The cemetery committee is asking for help with chairs.

Buckner Cemetery: Research continues for more information about the alleged burial of Kiowa Chief, Spotted Tail in this cemetery.

Chairman’s Remarks: Paula Ross thanked all the CCHC members for their time and dedication toward preserving the historic past in Collin County in her annual message.

Brainstorming Session: Regarding new opportunities/goals, publicity, financial procedures. Determine changes to status quo regarding current committees.

Planning Session: Vision for committees, goals for upcoming year, financial requests. Committees break into groups, make plans, committees will share goals and financial requests.

Adjourn: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary