



COLLIN COUNTY

Historical Commission
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OCTOBER 27, 2022 MINUTES

Item No. 1 Call to Order

Paula Ross, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. with the following members present: Elden Baker, Joy Gough, Linda Hess, Eric Hogue, Harold Sickler, Jan Thatcher, Marianne Wells, and Nathan White.

Collin County Staff present: Judy Moody and Vanesa Rhodes

Absent Members: Mary Kaye Adams, Colin Kimball, Jan Samuels, Janet Stovall, Misty Wiebold, Jane Yancey, Brittany Yurkovitch

Item No. 2 Public Comments

Thank you, Paula Ross, for supplying dessert and drinks.

The long-awaited locomotive for Anna will be installed the week of Thanksgiving.

The Bain-Honaker house will have a fundraiser on Saturday, October 29, 2022.

Today is National Navy Day, which salutes all of the military personnel who have served, both past and present, in the United States Navy. The day was chosen to honor President Theodore Roosevelt on his birthday.

Item No. 3 Comments from County Liaison, Judy Moody

Judy Moody is the manager of Myers Park and Event Center and has been for the past 13 years. After our liaison, Eric Nishimoto left the county, Judy Moody and Jennifer Rogers were named liaisons to the CCHC. Vanesa Rhodes has been a recent addition. All three are capable of assisting the CCHC with purchases throughout the year. Whether it is a purchase order request or check to be issued, any of the three liaisons will be able to handle the requests. Jennifer Rogers and Judy Moody will handle all credit card payments. In addition to purchases, Judy Moody handles the Grant Program coordination with the Commissioners Court and Tax Abatement. Jennifer Rogers handles the CCHC Website, FaceBook and all printing requests. Vanesa Rhodes will assist both Judy Moody and Jennifer Rogers. Roberts Rules of Order will be followed at all monthly meetings. Open Meetings Act procedures will be followed. Group emails are to be sent to Jan Thatcher for distribution to all CCHC members via Blind Carbon Copy (BCC) with replies going only to Jan Thatcher.

Item No. 4 Approval of September 29, 2022 CCHC Meeting minutes

A motion was made by Joy Gough. Linda Hess/second. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Item No. 5 Roll Call including Volunteer hours

9 members present; 7 absent. Volunteer hours total: 401.

Item No. 6 Review and any action on Treasurer's Report

With the past fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, we spent 92.54% of our budget. We are in balance with the county. The proposed 2023 budget was discussed. A motion was made by Eric Hogue to accept the 2023 budget as presented. Nathan White/second. The motion passed.

Item No. 7 Review and any action on future meeting locations

Future meeting site was opened for discussion. Jan Thatcher found the Heard-Craig Carriage House, where the CCHC has met monthly for over 20 years, was willing to continue to meet free of charge. Liability was the main objection. A motion was made to continue to meet at the Heard-Craig Carriage House by Nathan White; Joy Gough/second. A vote was taken with 5 for continuing to meet at the Heard-Craig Carriage House, 4 plus one proxy vote against. With a tie vote the motion failed to carry.

A motion was made to meet at the Administration Building on Bloomdale by Harold Sickler. Elden Baker/second. A vote was taken with 4 plus one proxy vote to meet at the Administration Building on Bloomdale, 5 against. With a tie vote the motion failed.

Item No. 8 Review and action on providing volunteer dinners

Continuation of the tradition to provide meals before monthly meetings on a volunteer basis was discussed. A motion was made to continue the tradition of meals before each monthly meeting by Linda Hess; Joy Gough/second. The vote for continuing the tradition was a tie with 5 members in favor, 4 plus a proxy vote against. The motion failed to carry.

Item No. 9 Committee Reports

Grants: The dates were chosen for the 2023 Grant Calendar and were submitted to liaison, Jennifer Rogers for the website update. The mandatory meeting will be February 7, 2023.

Cruise: Plans for the 2023 Collin County Cruise are in process. March has been the month chosen, which Saturday has yet to be determined. On the cruise, visits to Denison with stops at the Eisenhower birthplace and Frontier Village are planned.

Oral History/Videos: The City of Plano will be celebrating its Sesquicentennial (150-year anniversary) and has hired a person to lead the celebration. The City will be looking for oral histories with a webinar planned.

Nathan White, Committee Chair, was surprised to learn of the requirements and forms that need to be submitted for oral histories and videos.

State Markers: Waiting for Draft of Inscription for Markers Approved in 2022:

Yates-Strickland House (Celina); Bethany Cemetery (Plano); Lair Cemetery (Anna).

State Markers at the Foundry: Princeton Cemetery; Buckner Cemetery (McKinney), Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) medallion.

State Markers Being Shipped: Brinlee Cemetery (Melissa), has been received; First Baptist Church of Lavon.

Inscriptions on State Commissioner's October Quarterly Meeting Agenda: Orenduff Cemetery (Melissa) (2018); First Baptist Church of Plano supplemental plaque (2022).

Marker Relocations Pending: First Baptist Church of Plano: submitted to the Texas Historical Commission (THC); Frankford Cemetery (North Dallas): Problem with tamper-proof screws. No response yet from the THC; Liberty Baptist Church (Plano), now Willow Bend Baptist Church: Will order replacement marker. Marker is too old (1978) and inaccessible.

Follow-up with Collin County Road & Bridge Dept. on Relocations: United Methodist Church of Prosper: Received paperwork and will schedule; First Baptist Church of Plano; Cottage Hill Church and Cemetery (Weston).

Gough-Houston House (McKinney): The Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) marker has been off the house for 25+ years while the owners have been restoring the house. The committee is still waiting for direction from Bob Brinkman with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) before sending a letter to the owners requesting the marker be returned to the county for storage until the restoration is completed.

Forest Grove Christian Church (Lucas): A letter was sent to the church informing them the committee is applying for a supplemental plaque to correct the interpretive mistake made by the THC in 1992. There has been no response from the Church thus far. The supplemental plaque was ordered in late August.

Future Markers mentioned: Linda Hess added to the State Marker report that she had completed and turned in narratives for State Markers applications. The four were:

Glass-Chapman Cemetery (Farmersville), Gussie Nell Davis (Farmersville), Sugar Hill Cemetery (Farmersville) and the First Baptist Church of Copeville.

County Markers: Colin Kimball is working on a marker for Granville Lively who was brought to Texas in 1849 as a slave.

Speakers Bureau: There is nothing to report at this time.

Educational Programs: The CCHC members voted for the winners of the CCHC essay competition. Essay winners will be notified and plans will be made to honor them at the December meeting with prizes and certificates.

The committee is gearing up for next year's competitions. The first will be a photograph competition that supports the purpose of newly formed endangered buildings committee. The topic will be: Take a photo of Collin County history you think may disappear in the next 5-10 years. Along with various student categories, there will be an adult category. Submissions will also include a statement.

The second competition will be an essay. The timeline for the essay will be over the summer months in 2023, to align with the Wylie (and possibly Melissa) Library summer reading activities. The committee would like to consider integrating Joy Gough's book on schools within Collin County, into this competition and are finalizing the topic.

The committee is considering ideas for the fall art competition as well.

Tax Abatement: The deadline for this year's submissions is October 31, 2022. So far there are 9 new applications. Seven from McKinney, one each from Celina and Melissa. Inspections will be done in November and turned in by December 1, 2022.

Endangered Buildings/Cultural Resources: Elden Baker is looking forward to searching for endangered buildings. It is suggested a narrative be written on each to share with the Historic

Asset Survey committee and a GPS coordinate be established to pinpoint the location. This will not be a public list but the CCHC wishes to be aware of endangered buildings. Paula Ross asked the Texas Historical Commission for input and was told Matagorda County has a program that may be helpful.

Workshops: A Workshop will be held at the McKinney Performing Arts Center on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 from 9-11 a.m. The workshop on Certified Local Governments will be conducted by Kelly Little with the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Kelly is the Certified Local Government Coordinator for the THC and will cover topics including how to become a Certified Local Government (CLG), the benefits of certification, access to CLG Grants, how to access state and federal financial and technical assistance, training opportunities and more.

Preservation Celebration: Preservation Celebration 2023-Celina will be held on April 29, 2023. Janet Stovall is meeting with Celina Historical Society on a regular basis. Jan Samuels is attending the Preservation Celebration meetings whether in person or by other means. Celina will give Jan Samuels the name and information for the Celina webmaster in order to get news about the Preservation Celebration on the website.

Awards: The deadline for submitting nominations for the 2023 Preservation Celebration-Celina is April 7, 2023. The form changes have been sent to Jennifer for updating the CCHC web page. More information and the nomination forms may be found on the CCHC website.

Historic Cemeteries: *Historic Texas Cemetery designations in process:* Lovell Cemetery (Farmersville): located on the Farmersville campus of Collin College. Research of deeds and family relationships of those buried there is ongoing; Horn Cemetery (McKinney).

Damage: McLarry Cemetery (McKinney): Northwest corner of fence is down. Wilmeth family members are buried there. Bradley Cemetery (McKinney): A driver hit the fence and cemetery sign. The cemetery is owned by the City of McKinney and the driver has insurance. The City of McKinney Preservation Officer is coordinating repairs.

Public Relations:

Jan Samuels has received information from Jan Thatcher with regard to the Awards Nominations, which will be going out to publications soon in order to get more interest. Jan Samuels will be meeting with the Social Studies head for the Lucas-Lovejoy schools to discuss getting the information to teachers in the district to encourage students to participate.

Item No. 10 Possible Future Agenda Items: A motion was made to amend the bylaws to add voting by email provision.

Item No. 11 Adjourn 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary