



Collin County Historical Commission
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Date: 12.02.21
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6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises
Elden Baker, Anna
Candace Fountoulakis, Plano
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
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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: 7:21 p.m.

Public Comments: Many thanks to Wanda and Nathan White for opening their home and supplying our meal.

A Texas Historical Commission's workshop was recently held at the Collin County History Museum. The webinar covered the process of applying for a Historic

Texas Cemetery Designation (HTC). The workshop was most informative and well attended.

Minutes/Roll Call: The minutes were approved with corrections. Total volunteer hours for the month were 411.

Treasurers Report: Year to Date: With our budget of \$49,900, we have \$715 encumbered and \$2786.67 spent, leaving us with \$45,608.49. We are in balance with the County. The Treasurers Report was approved.

Committee Reports:

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

Cataloging Local Histories/Films: There is nothing to report at this time.

Collin County Cruise: There is nothing to report at this time.

Grants: The Grant schedule has been updated and sent on to the CCHC Liaison, Jennifer Rogers to update the webpage. Jan Thatcher will email the Coalition Groups with the information.

State Markers: No change in the status of markers in the queue at the foundry except that they have gone from a backlog of 40 to 150.

Historic Cemeteries: Ross (McKinney): The new signs are up with the Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC) medallion and look great. Many thanks go out to Candace Fountoulakis and Colin Kimball.

Buckner (McKinney): Marianne Wells visited the property this week. All buildings at the site have been removed for development. She has a call into the McKinney Preservation Office to get an update on plans and permits. The large sign with the medallion is still up.

Throckmorton (Melissa): The Craig Austin Rowley Chapter of the General Society of the War of 1812 wants to restore the Throckmorton Cemetery. Marianne is not sure what is left to restore after the Boy Scouts pulled up all the wooden markers years ago when they were cleaning it up. Marianne advised the Chapter representative that the property owners have not allowed anyone on the property since the last clean-up and must contact the owners for permission. Marianne will follow up to see what the status is.

Lair (Melissa): After many years of attempts, Lair Cemetery has been designated as a Historic Texas Cemetery (HTC). Now that that designation has been received, Marianne plans to write a narrative for the state marker application next spring.

Charles L Smith (Frisco): The Historic Cemeteries committee is working with the developer and Susanne Kerley in Frisco to prepare the HTC application and subsequent marker application. Depending on the amount of time the review process takes, the committee may make the final deadline of May 15, 2022 for marker applications. At present, the committee is planning a future visit to the site for plant inventory, pictures and special features, another step in the process.

County Markers: The committee is still waiting on markers for the Allen Colored School and Moores Chapel to be sent from the foundry.

Communication/Public Relations: The new CCHC December Newsletter was sent out with information covering various areas the CCHC Commission touches.

Public Relations: The article Jan Samuels wrote several months ago about the Collin County Historical Commission was published in the December issue of Fairview Magazine.

Tax Abatement: The CCHC members were given a copy of the Historic Property Tax Report 2022 for consideration. There were 7 new residential properties added to this year's list, which brought the total of residential properties within the county to 124. Commercial properties stand at 69 and the number of Mixed-use properties total 12. Of the 205 properties inspected, there were 193 approvals and 12 denials.

Historic Assets: There is nothing to report at this time.

Preservation Celebration: Wylie April 30, 2022. The plans are progressing well, but still have some questions to be answered before all plans can be finalized. The Wylie Historical Society wants Eric Hogue to be the Keynote speaker. Jan Samuels and Janet Stovall both met on December 1 with the committee from the Wylie Historical Society to discuss and tour of St. Anthony's Catholic Church. The St. Anthony Catholic Church Hall is an excellent space for the event and the staff is very accommodating. Food and flower sources have been discussed as well as many other details. Commissioner Cheryl Williams has agreed to attend and assist with the award presentation. The committee is on target with the

planning. After a meeting with Paula, the committee will be able to discuss budget and agenda recommendations to the Wylie Historical Society.

Jan Samuels also contacted Tina Steiniki with the Wylie Chamber of Commerce for a list of Wylie business leaders to invite to the Preservation Celebration. The Wylie Chamber of Commerce sent the committee names of City staff, WISD, Collin County officials, US officials, Chamber of Commerce and local citizens to send invitations. The Wylie Historical Society will also send a membership list to add to the growing list.

Jan contacted NBC reporter, Allie Spillyards, who is often seen on the 10 p.m. news. She grew up in Wylie and reports on Collin County events. Jan and Janet are hopeful she will work with us to get some TV news coverage about the Preservation Celebration. There has been no response from her as yet, but expect contact will be made again as it gets closer to the event.

Educational Programs/Children's Programs: Student winners of the 2021 Student Essay Competition have been printed in The Weston Post and will receive copies by mail.

Planning for 2022 competitions continues and the committee is fleshing out a video competition for spring semester, an art/poetry competition for summer, and an essay competition for the fall semester. The goal is to have the project guidelines set by the end of the month.

Brittany Yurkovitch has not yet heard from Judge Chris Hill as far as trying to see if the Commissioners Court will declare January "Collin County History Month" as a way to help launch the committee's projects. However, the committee is working to get an email address set up for student submissions and get a designated section (tab/link?) on the CCHC website for folks to find the education projects. The video competition project will be published in the February edition of The Weston Post and will be announced in the new CCHC newsletter. The committee is coming up with plan "B" for promoting the projects if Collin County History Month doesn't happen in January.

There is still a need for a plan for prizes.

Oral Histories: Nathan White met with John Brooks who started the FaceBook page "Plano History (and Nostalgia)" to discuss the FaceBook page.

Collin Kimball, Nathan, Marianne Wells and Jane Yancey have been working on a proclamation for the Throckmorton statue located on the grounds of the Old Courthouse in McKinney. With the CCHC's approval at the January 27, 2022

meeting, Chris Hill would like Colin to present it to the Commissioners Court at a future meeting.

Workshops: There is nothing to report at this time.

Adjourn: 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary