



Collin County Historical Commission
Collin County Courthouse
2100 Bloomdale Road
McKinney, TX

Date December 3, 2015
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:37 PM

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta *
Alfredo Arias, Celina*
Michael Black, Vice Chair, Workshops, Preservation Celebration
Larry Collins, Grants
Naomi Emmett, Treasurer *
Joy Gough, State Markers
Linda Hess, Josephine
Donna Jenkins, County Markers
Clyde Kerley, Lakes Trail
Lolisa Laenger, Cruises
Michael Mendenhall, Plano
Diane Miller, Melissa
Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Chairman
Loydell Seward, Historic Assets Survey
Jan Thatcher, Secretary*
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison* Absent*

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm by Chairman Ross.

Public Comments: Marianne Wells and Rick Joustin attended the meeting as potential members of the Commission.

The Lair Cemetery in Anna has received land on its south from the Anna School District for access to the cemetery.

The Cruise is planned for April 23.

On January 23 the Allen Heritage Guild will celebrate its 20 years.

The Historic Coalition meeting is scheduled for January 23.

On December 13 Farmersville has Christmas on the Square.

The Josephine Christmas Parade is December 10.

The Frankford Prairie Christmas will be held December 7 at the Frankford Church. Music will be provided by a string trio. Music starts at 4:30 with the service starting at 5:00.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Volunteer Hours:

Black – 5; Collins – 10; Gough- 20, 5; Hess – 2; Jenkins – 10; Kerley – 38; Laenger - ?;
Mendenhall – 5; Quick – 5, 10; Ross – 15, 22; Seward – 6, 6.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as submitted. Year to Date the Historical Commission has spent \$2,032.00 out of its budget. That is 4.07% of the budget. The treasurer is in balance with the county.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The 2016 grant program will be announced on April 21. The grant workshop will be held on May 5. The deadline will be June 3.

Historic Assets Survey: An application for Sister Grove School was submitted to the Historic Assets survey in November.

State Markers: For the 2015 application period, 2 applications were submitted – the Murphy Family Cemetery and the First Methodist Church of Allen. The state is requesting the application fees. The marker for the community of Frankford has arrived and will be installed soon. The county has started a new procedure where someone must inspect the marker and sign a form before the marker can be installed.

County Markers: Six County markers are planned for this year, including markers for the Alexander Cemetery in Anna, the Greer house in Anna, and Jesse Stiff.

Texas Film Round-up: TAMI is putting some of the Collin County videos on its web site. A public showcase is scheduled for the spring.

Preservation Celebration: Preservations Celebration will be held on May 14 in McKinney. Members of the committee are Donna Jenkins, Jan Thatcher and Becky Airhart-Smith. The chair is Michael Black

Media Relations: Facebook images work best if in jpeg format.

Lake Trails: The Texas Lakes Trail group met in Sherman in November. Its annual budget is \$75,000. Lakes Trail will last until 2017.

Cruise: The Cruise was omitted from the Agenda. In keeping with the county celebration of Collin McKinney's 150 birthday this year, the Cruise will be about him. It is scheduled for April 23. The Cruise will include visiting McKinney's grave in the Van Alstyne Cemetery, the site of his homestead north of Anna and the Collin McKinney exhibit at the museum.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Joy Gough, in the secretary's absence