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

Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

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Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Chairman
Loydell Seward, Historic Assets Survey
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison

Absent*

Public Comments: Eric Nishimoto made the announcement that the focus has changed slightly for this year's Collin McKinney's Sestercentennial celebration. The focus will be educating Collin County residents on the man who was Collin McKinney. There will be three different exhibits on Collin McKinney at the old P.O. Museum. 2017 will concentrate on the big events, such as building a replica of McKinney's homestead. Eric Nishimoto has written a book on Collin McKinney and is available on Amazon. He is also available for speaking engagements.

Murphy will have an art exhibit from 2-4pm on February 4, 2016. Local artist, Pricilla Krejci, will share her original artwork of Murphy homesteads and building.

Clyde Kerley announced the next lecture in Frisco, scheduled for Saturday, February 13, 2016.

Marianne Wells announced a Texas Historical Commission workshop on Saturday, February 4, 2016.

Farmersville will hold its annual Luncheon and Fashion Show on Saturday, February 27, 2016. Rose-Mary Rumbley is the guest speaker.

The Allen Heritage Guild will have our own Janice Quick speak on the Texas Archives of Moving Images (TAMI) on Wednesday, February 3 at 6:30pm. She will demonstrate use of the website and share some images contributed by Collin County residents.

Minutes: The minutes for the November meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date, out of the adjusted budget of \$50,905.00 for the Historical Commission, \$3236.95 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$47,668.05. We have spent 6.36% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports:

Grants: Two grants were awarded to Chestnut Square, and Jamie Pedigo and Alisha Phipps presented their report to the Historical Commission. A \$3000 grant was awarded for the Dulaney Cottage chimney and flashing repair. \$2000 was awarded to repair porches at the Taylor Inn and Dulaney Cottage. United Methodist Church group, "Hands 'n Hammers" handled the porch repairs which saved money. Also, the bid called for tongue and groove planking, but that was not appropriate for the time period, which saved additional money. With the money saved, the fencing was repaired and a brick sidewalk was laid.

State Markers: The state historical marker for Blue Ridge was delivered in mid-December to the Road Department. The marker had a crack upon delivery. Joy has sent the THC four emails asking what to do to get a marker without a crack and is still awaiting an answer.

Tax Abatement: In November the Tax Abatement Committee sent letters to past recipients of Historic Property Tax Abatement stating that they no longer needed to submit annual applications for tax abatement to the Historical Commission. Response was very favorable.

The beginning of January, Eric and Joy were receiving a lot of calls and emails about the county deleting the historic property designations from the county tax records. After several calls and emails, Joy realized that the person in charge of tax exceptions with the county had deleted the list of historic property tax exemptions that the Commissioners approved last February. Joy sent the county last year's list. She also sent Anthony Cisnero our historic property tax abatement guidelines. He decided after looking up historic exceptions somewhere that the tax payers needed to send him annual applications for historic property tax abatement. Therefore, we no longer require annual applications, but he has started them for the county tax office.

This year we have 17 new properties on the Historic Property Tax Abatement list, seven from Celina and the rest from McKinney. The total number of properties on the list is 152.

The properties were all inspected in January. Only one property has been declined because of maintenance issues. Photos were distributed among board members. A letter will be sent to the owner of the declined property so that he/she may appeal the decision before the Commissioners. Last year three properties were declined, two made necessary repairs.

The list of recommendations for county historic property tax abatements was approved at this meeting. It will be sent to the county commissioners for official approval. Thank you to all of the Historical Commission members who inspected properties around the county, Clyde-Frisco, Loydell-Farmersville, Mike -Wylie, Jan-Plano, Diane-Anna, Joy-McKinney. 151 approvals, 1 denial.

Historical Assets Survey: Loydell Seward reported there were no entries for the Historic Assets Survey in January, but some inquiries were made.

Cruise: The spring cruise is highlighting our county namesake, Collin McKinney, in conjunction with his Sestercentennial (250th birthday). In Van Alstyne, plans are to visit the Van Alstyne Cemetery, where McKinney is buried and the First Christian Church. Also included will be the Park Hill Prairie and the Collin County History Museum (Old Post Office Museum, North Texas History Center) which will have an exhibit on Collin McKinney. Save the date: 04.23.16. Time: 8:30 to 3pm. Cost is \$25 per person/\$40 per couple.

Texas Film Round-Up: TAMI (Texas Archives of Moving Images) has loaded the videos CCHC recommended that were originally turned in as 8mm films. They are still working on the videos digitized from VHS tapes. To view videos, go to texasarchive.org, enter Collin County into the search box. Janice Quick will give 30 minute presentation about the project and show videos at the Allen Heritage Guild meeting, at 6:30, February 3, at the Train Depot in Allen.

Preservation Celebration: The date: May 14, 2016. First United Methodist Center Banquet Hall. Address: 306 N Church St, McKinney, TX. Schedule has been set. Four costumed storytellers will be on hand to share. It is the hope of the committee to have the program video recorded. Brunch will be provided by Mama Susie's. The budget is \$6000.00.

Children's Education: Materials are in hand. Distribution of the materials are going to coincide with schools spring breaks. The committee is working to include home school students also be included. Stamps for the museums are still in the works.

Lakes Trail: A regional meeting will be held on February 24, 2016 for the Lake Trails in Fort Worth. On the agenda is election of officers and a county historical commission workshop. The exact location is still being determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary