



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

Date 03.31.2016

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

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

Absent\*

### **Public Comments:**

On Friday, 04.15.2016, there will be a reception for Collin McKinney descendants, which Ted Wright was instrumental in contacting family members.

A reminder to RSVP for Collin County's Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 26, 2016, held at Dr. Pepper Park.

Awards for the upcoming Preservation Celebration need to be sent in by 5pm, April 22, 2016. There are 5 awards: Outstanding Museum or Organization, Outstanding Individual or Organization, Outstanding County, City or Developer, Living Legacy, and finally Young Visionary Award (18 years old and under).

Social Media for CCHC is up and running. On Twitter, we have 7 followers and follow 17! It's a start! Email Alfred Arias with any news to be shared. @CCHC2015 for pictures. May 1, 2016, goes live for all three (Twitter, Facebook and Instagram)...connect to all!

**Minutes:** The Minutes were approved with corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Year to date out of the adjusted budget of \$50,905 for the Historical Commission; \$8,145.45 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$42,759.55. We have spent 16.0% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

**Committee Reports:**

**Grants:** Bear Creek Cemetery Association presented accomplishments for the \$4000 grant given to them. This grant was used for head stones. Ten granite markers were purchased and installed. Inscriptions washed away with time, were duplicated on the granite markers and leaving the original marker in place. Rusty Brenner and his company, Texas Cemetery Restoration did the work. During this project, a foot marker was found buried which had the inscription "P D Babe". All that is known about it was a family name of Daniel. This was the 7<sup>th</sup> grant given to the Association. Other previous projects addressed fencing and leveling headstones. Through the Bear Creek Cemetery Association, a group of Masons and a Boy Scout troop have volunteered their services to help this cemetery.

There are 6 more presentations left. On April 21, 2016, at the Coalition meeting an announcement will be made for this year's Grant Program. A mandatory Grant Workshop on May 5, 2016, will start the process. Members of the committee include Joy Gough, Linda Hess, Naomi Emmett, Michael Mendenhall and Chair, Larry Collins.

**State Markers:** An application was received for a house in Wylie, the Brown Cottage, which is behind the Brown House.

**County Markers:** There is a marker dedication for the Dublin School on April 9, 2 pm on Hwy 544. Other marks Lavon School, an old Cotton Gin in Parker. Valdasta Marker near the Valdasta Church has been erected.

**Workshops:** Paula sent surrounding counties a letter inviting them to a brainstorm meeting for workshop ideas and the possibility of a partnership with the other counties with workshop ideas.

**Tax Abatement:** The tax abatement list was approved by the county commissioners.

**Historical Assets Survey:** Brochures are available for the general public. Murphy has been very busy with getting locations on the survey.

**Cruise:** The tour is scheduled for April 23, 2016, celebrating Collin McKinney's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. The bus is full with a waiting list. The citizens of Anna and Van Alstyne are going all out.

**Texas Film Round-Up:** The committee met to plan the public event to showcase videos turned in during Collin County's Texas Film Roundup. The event will be Sunday, June 12, 2016 at the Roy and Helen Hall Memorial Public Library in McKinney, from 2-4 pm. Videos will be shown, tips will be provided for storing your home movies, and how people can still participate. "Movie food"-e.g. popcorn, junior mints, etc. will be available.

**Preservation Celebration:** The committee met on Monday, March 28, 2016 to finalize the program. Among the festivities, story tellers will portray Collin County residents from the past. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Heard-Craig Auditorium, also referred as the First Methodist Church Banquet Hall.

**Lakes Trail:** Lake Trail has partnered with two other trails. The first issue of Authentic Texas Magazine, was shared by Clyde Kerley. He recommended the article on Tom Perrini and a Chisholm Trail article by Doug Harmon. There was interest in subscriptions which Clyde suggested emailing Jill Campbell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Thatcher, Secretary