



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

Date 05.28.15

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

- Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
- Alfredo Arias, Celina
- Michael Black, Vice Chair, Workshops
- Janice Cline, Tax Abatement*
- Larry Collins, Grants*
- Naomi Emmett, Treasurer *
- Joy Gough, State Markers
- Linda Hess, Josephine
- Donna Jenkins
- 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*

Meeting was called to order by Paula Ross at 6:32.

Public Comments: Loydell Seward mentioned that Farmersville will be celebrating Audie Murphy Day June 27, 2015. Among the events, the Bain-Honaker Museum will be open for free tours celebrating 150 years of existence.

Paula Ross attended a meeting at the Heard-Craig Museum. It was an opportunity to introduce the new director, Lynn Rushton, to all the different groups that use the property facilities.

Alfred Arias enlightened us of a fundraiser opportunity. He is involved with Frisco Community Theater. Giving back to the community, a non-profit can be a beneficiary. When tickets are purchased and the name of the non-profit's name is mentioned, \$4 of each ticket purchased is returned to the non-profit. He is trying to arrange for the month of August for our benefit.

Lolisa Laenger is on the Collin McKinney Sestercentennial Celebration and shared a few things that committee is planning. There will be a chuck wagon cook-off at Chestnut Square. Eric Nishimoto is writing a novella on Collin McKinney. Plans are in the works to reconstruct the Collin McKinney homestead at Myers Park in McKinney. Celebrations will be held throughout

the county in 2016. The goal is to educate the residents of Collin County about Collin McKinney. Among his accomplishments, Collin McKinney helped draft and signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, and also was a writer of the Texas Constitution.

April Minutes were accepted and approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date out of the now adjusted budget of \$51,909.00 for the Historical Commission; \$13,565.27 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$38,343.73. We have spent 26.13% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The mandatory meeting was held with 12 groups represented. The committee will now wait for applications to come in for review. An emergency grant of \$1000 was approved by the Executive Committee and Judge Self to Chestnut Square for structural repair.

State Markers: The Schimelpfenig Store marker has been presented.

County Markers: An application for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church near the Elm Grove Cemetery is in progress. Donna Jenkins submitted an application for the Murphy Grocery Store and we also have one for the John Litter Brown Homestead and the Iron Bridge over Rowlett Creek.

Workshops: Nothing to report at this time.

Tax Abatement: The county medallions are being mailed.

Historical Assets Survey: Loydell Seward and Joy Gough turned in 52 sites to Bret Fenster at GIS. The sites will be posted soon. Janice Quick is working on Plano sites – some on the map are without narratives at this time. Anna continues to document the history of the town. The sites make interesting reading – Greasy Spoon, Red Cross Pharmacy, Anna High School's first gym (with photos of the basketball players in uniforms with short trunks, a sign of the times), and "Hollywood Comes to Anna" (a movie about Pretty Boy Floyd that was shot at the bank).

Cruise: Lolisa Laenger shares that there will not be a tour this fall. Plans for a spring tour will be made to coincide with Collin McKinney's 250th birthday celebration.

Texas Film Round-Up: Janice Quick tells us that the home movies have been collected. Committee members, Diane Miller, Lolisa Laenger, Clyde Kerley and Janice Quick are trying to set up a convenient time to view the films.

Children's Education: Carry Along Collin. The committee is continually working on enhancing the present program.

Lakes Trail: The Texas Lakes Trail Region held its board meeting in Farmersville on 05.27.15. Clyde Kerley shared information about the Northeast Texas Trail, which is a recreational trail for hiking, biking, walking, jogging, and horseback riding. No motorized vehicles are allowed on the former Katy railroad line. The Chaparral Trail starts in Farmersville and at present extends northeast to New Boston (125 miles). The ultimate goal is to extend it to Texarkana to the east and Dallas, and Plano from the south. Also, the Texas State Historical Association, which was located in Denton on the UNT campus has move back to Austin on the UT campus.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary