



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

Date 10.29.15

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

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta  
Alfredo Arias, Celina\*  
Michael Black, Vice Chair, Workshops\*  
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\*

**Public Comments:** Loydell Seward mentioned the Farmersville 1900 program was finishing up for the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders in Farmersville.

Paula Ross announced the Spring Hill Community marker will be dedicated. She also said the Allen Civil War Enactment would be cancelled because of the weather. Allen's Ghost Walk has been moved to the Depot also because of the weather. There are 6 Spirits from Allen's past that will appear both Friday and Saturday nights at 8pm. Finally, a dedication ceremony will be held on Saturday, 10.31.15 at 2pm for the Historic marker at Allen's Christian Church.

Lolisa Laenger, a member of the Collin McKinney's Sestercentennial celebration, shared with us some of the plans for the year-long, countywide celebration. There will be a cake decorating contest and cake baking contest along with a BBQ contest held at Chestnut Square. She also shared that Eric Nishimoto's book on Collin McKinney is now available for purchase on Amazon at the cost \$7.

**Treasurer's Report:** Year to date: Out of the budget of \$49,900.00 for the Historical Commission, \$2032.00 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$47, 868.00. We have spent 4.07% of our budget. We are in balance with the county. The treasurer's report was approved.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with corrections.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Grants:** Four presentations were made by past grant recipients. The first was the Murphy Cemetery Association, which was granted \$2500. The funds were used for marker repair and cleaning, and identifying some of the grave sites. Rusty Brenner did the work, after prioritizing the cleaning/repair list. A second phase will be plaques for those markers that cannot be read/repared and will include spelling errors and all.

Another presentation came from the Heritage Guild of Collin County, which was an emergency grant of \$1000. Alicia Phipps representing Chestnut Square made the presentation. Replacing rotting floor joists in the Taylor Inn, which was a safety hazard.

The next presentation of the night came from Jessica Woods from the Plano Conservancy. The grant of \$1500 allowed for a cemetery workshop and tour of the Old City Cemetery in Plano. The workshop drew approximately 30 participants with Rusty Brenner conducting the workshop.

The final presentation came from Becky Airhart-Smith representing Stoney Point Cemetery. Ronny and Kay Chilton were also present. The grant was for \$2700 to restore and repair monuments in the cemetery.

**Historical Assets Survey:** No data has been submitted to GIS by Loydell Seward for about 6 weeks. There have been about 7 that have been received that will be sent to Joy Gough and then on to GIS within the week. Jimmy Phillips, who put Princeton on the map early in the game, is back in action reporting on areas close to Princeton including Climax. Betty Morriss has submitted one more from Anna and Donna Jenkins has sent one from Murphy. Janice Quick is continuing to submit narratives for sites that are listed without narrative. Joy Gough has about fifteen sites to send to GIS, but has not been in a hurry because the last batch of eighteen have not been posted. Loydell Seward will check on the status.

**Texas Film Round-up:** Janice was out but sent this information to share with the board. Vision/Goals for 2015-16: Do public presentation of the videos collected. Select another batch of videos to recommend to TAMI (e.g. Quinceanera videos). Create appropriate posts for CCHC's Facebook page.

**Preservation Celebration:** Traditionally there has been a brunch served but this year it will be lunch.

**Media Relations:** Twitter to Facebook, we are expanding our image. Facebook images work best if in jpeg format.

**Lake Trails:** The Executive Committee of the Texas Lakes Trail 10.28.15 in Ft. Worth. The Texas Lakes Trail has funding sufficient for at least one year going forward. Other determinations regarding funding and partnerships with other Trails will be discussed after

November 09, 2015. Collin County is a good example for the rest of the country showing rural and urban parts of the county working together.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Thatcher, Secretary