



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

Date 03.29.2018

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

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta*
Alfredo Arias, Celina*
Michael Black, Chair
Catherine Casavant, Plano
Larry Collins, Grants*
Chris Krupa Downs, Historic Assets Survey*
Naomi Emmett, Treasurer
Joy Gough, State Markers
Linda Hess, Josephine
Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair
Clyde Kerley, Lakes Trail
Lolisa Laenger, Cruises*
Diane Miller, Melissa
Kim Peat, Anna
Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Allen
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, Plano
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison

Absent*

Welcome Guests: Mary Carole Strother and Kristina Shiroma with the Collin County Historical Society and Museum. Also, Keith Uselton with Vista, working with the CCHS museum for the next year while working on his masters.

Public Comments: Thank you, Paula Ross for supplying our meal.

Janice Quick mentioned that on April 11, Collin County Genealogy Society's guest speaker will be Kathleen Murray speaking on "Using the Portal to Texas History for Genealogical Research." In May 9, our own Alfred Arias will be speaking on the subject "Archaeological Dig at a Family Homeplace." And finally, on June 13, CCGS members will hold a Year-End Social with Open Forum. All meetings are at the Haggard Library on Coit in Plano at 7 pm.

There will be a county marker dedication for the Santa Fe Depot on April 14, 2018 in Wylie at 11 am.

Minutes and Volunteer Hours: The minutes were approved with corrections. Volunteer hours were CCHC: 188.25; Other Groups: 60.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date: out of a revised budget of \$52,975.00 for the Historical Commission; \$9238.84 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$43,736.03. We have spent 17.44% of our budget. We are in balance with the county. The treasurer's report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The final grant report was given by the Collin County Historical Society and Museum. The grant for \$1900.00 was used for their project "Beyond Museum Walls: Digital Enhancement and Telepresence". Kristina Shiroma and Mary Carole Strother made the report. The Samsung 70-inch digital display with Wi-Fi and internet connection capabilities is the focal point of the project. This display mounted in the museum's main gallery will broaden the museum's capabilities to display and interpret items of Collin County history. The funding of this project will allow the museum to provide lectures, presentations and virtual exhibits regardless of location.

The mandatory grant workshop is May 8 at 7:00 pm at the Carriage House and the deadline to submit the application is 5 pm, June 1, 2018. The grant application and descriptions of past grants have been emailed to members of the Coalition and additional information will be given at the quarterly meeting of the Coalition on April 19. The 2018-2019 grant application is on the county website of the Collin County Historical Commission under the latest news. Go to: www.collincountytx.gov/CountyDirectory/HistoricalCommission/LatestNews. To view the historical grant programs awarded by year, since inception, go to: www.collincountytx.gov/Departments/HistoricCommission/Initiatives/HistoricGrantProgram.

Awards: The awards nomination form for the Preservation Celebration was emailed to members of the Collin County Historical Commission and the Coalition. The awards nomination form is on the county website under the Collin County Historical Commission under the latest news, too. The deadline to submit nominations is Friday, April 6, 2018 by 5 pm. The awards will be presented at Preservation Celebration on Saturday, April 28, in Frisco. The awards committee consists of Diane Miller, Jan Thatcher, Naomi Emmett and Larry Collins.

Cruise (Tour) Committee: The cruise is scheduled for April 21. The main stop will be the Military Heritage Collection Museum in Nevada. Other stops include the John Abston Cemetery, where a Revolutionary Soldier is buried and the Bear Creek Cemetery, where Becky and Bob Sander Cederlof will speak about their grants over the years. Lunch will be at Pizza Getti's. The route will be finalized within a couple of weeks.

Film Preservation: Janice Quick reviewed the DVDs and digital files that were created by U-Edit Video from three VHS tapes belonging to the Collin County History Museum. Delivered the original VHS tapes (and DVDs containing the digital files) to Mary Carole Strother of the History Museum. Asked Historical Commission members if they knew of organizations that might have old movies or VHS tapes of a historical nature that are in need of digitization.

County Markers: Marianne Wells has finished the research for a marker for Lt. Russell A. Steindam Park in Plano, completed the narrative and identified a picture. Next month she will forward the information to the director of the Plano Parks Department along with a shorter narrative for the marker itself.

Routh Cemetery: On February 26th, Joy Gough, Paula Ross and Marianne visited the Routh Cemetery with the president of the Frankford Cemetery Association and the cemetery's landscape architect. Marianne also visited the small family cemetery on the adjoining property as well as the spring house across the road which supplied water for the family. She will be visiting again on Saturday, March 31st with the president-elect of the association. The president-elect is eager to see the cemetery restored. The president-elect sent Marianne a copy of the maintenance agreement between the City of Richardson and the owner of the cemetery. It is on file with the county deed records. Marianne is in the process of talking to the City Manager's office to clarify several points to help the association come up with a plan for work, which could be eligible for funding through our grant program.

Community Cemetery: Next week Marianne is meeting with Jane Willard in Celina to see the African American cemetery north of town. They will determine what steps to take to protect the cemetery.

State Markers: Moving Markers: The Marker Relocation Committee at the Texas Historic Commission is now meeting once a month. The next meeting will be April 12. We will be submitting one for the John Abston Cemetery and hope it will be moved by mid-May. The check is in process for a stone monument for the damaged Blue Ridge marker. Hopefully it will be completed by the end of May.

Speakers Bureau: There is nothing new to report, but will continue to publicize the Speakers Bureau at CCHC events, Coalition meetings, etc.

Lakes Trails: Clyde Kerley attended "Dawn at the Alamo" on March 6 at sunrise. At 5 am three bagpipes played Amazing Grace. Texas Our Texas was played, a bugler played Taps and a restored cannon from the Alamo was on display. Families of the fallen brought wreaths to lay. Clyde said it was a very moving experience.

Educational Programs: Nothing to report at this time.

Communications/Media: Nothing to report at this time.

Tax Abatement: The first application for next year has been received.

Historical Assets Survey: Nothing to report at this time.

Workshops: A workshop is in progress, planning it for May or June time frame.

Preservation Celebration: Thanks to the hard work of Susanne Kerley representing the host city of Frisco, we have finalized plans for Preservation Celebration 2018. The annual event will

be held on Saturday, April 28th at the Senior Center at Frisco Square. The event will begin with registration at 8:30, brunch service starting at 9:00 and the program and awards presentations starting at 10 am.

The Copper Canyon Bluegrass Band from Denton will provide musical entertainment during registration and brunch. At 10:00 we will have the presentation of the Colors, welcome by the Mayor of Frisco and a presentation by LaJuanna Faught, a professional storyteller from Denton. She will tell us about a family that came to Texas in 1856 traveling down what is present day Preston Road, her character's name is Susan Boyd. Following a Q & A session we will begin the awards portion of the program. Larry Collins will serve as Master of Ceremony.

The menu for brunch will be: Fruit Kabobs with fruit dip, assorted muffins, sausage and egg casserole, beef, egg, broccoli and mushroom casserole, biscuits and sausage gravy, coffee, orange juice and water.

This year our invitations will NOT have RSVP cards. We will include an email address and telephone number for RSVP. The committee feels this move will save money and allow for quicker mailing of invitations.

Report submitted by Preservation Celebration 2018 Chair, Michael Black.

Request Future Agenda Items: None at this time.

Adjourn at 7:54 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary