



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

Date 06.28.18  
Heard Craig Carriage House  
205 West Hunt, McKinney  
6:30 PM

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

Absent\*

**Call to Order:** 6:35 pm

Welcome Guests: Brenda & Don Bourland representing the Chambersville Cemetery Association, Mary & Betty Vamvakas, representing the Snow Hill Cemetery Association.

**Public Comments:** Thank you Joy Gough, for providing dinner. Welcome back, Lolisa Laenger.

The Collinwood house will be moved. The city of Plano has agreed to pay \$250,000.00 to the Haggard Family to move the oldest structure in Plano.

The Texas Historical Commission has awarded Collin County with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). The THC recognizes County Historic Commissions that document ongoing, well-rounded programs of history and preservation-related projects that enrich local communities. There are 254 counties in the state of Texas and 80 counties were recognized which represents approximately 1/3 of the counties. The presentation of the award will be made during the Commissioners Court meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Michael Black distributed a list of Coalition dates & CCHC meeting dates for the 2018-2019 year.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's Report available.

### **Special Committee Report:**

- 1. Shirts for Commission Members:** Long sleeve, dark denim shirts with the county logo and "Collin County Historical Commission" embroidered were researched. Squeeges in Allen was chosen. After an email was sent out for sizes, a total of 15 shirts will be ordered. The initial estimate is from \$420.00-\$523.00. A motion was made as was a second to purchase the shirts.
- 2. Orphan Cemeteries:** Orenduff Cemetery located in Melissa, is ready to apply for a State Historic Cemetery Medallion. Efforts have been made to clean up the cemetery and map it. The next step is to work toward a 501c (13) cemetery designation.

The Buckner Cemetery, located on Hwy. 380 in McKinney, is in need of fencing around the property. The property is surrounded by a parking lot used by McKinney Trade Days. The Texas Historical Commission believes that the Commissioners Court could approve special funding for the fencing, using labor from the county jail. The Bid for restoring the fencing is under \$5000.00.

- 3. Selection of Nominating Committee:** Votes were cast for three members of the board to compose the Nominating Committee. Those members selected were: Joy Gough, Paula Ross and Jan Thatcher. They will make their recommendations at next month's meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Grants:** Fifteen applicants requested \$48,414.32 for grants. The Collin County Historical Commission approved fourteen applications on June 28, 2018, based upon recommendations from the grant committee. The Collin County Commissioners Court will give approval on Monday, July 16. The following projects and amounts are included:

#### **Grant Projects:**

1. Allen Heritage Guild, \$2000.00. Historic Preservation: Farmhouse Wrap Around Porch. Requested \$5000.00.
2. Cemetery Association of Murphy, \$3000.00. Historic Preservation: Decatur/Maxwell/Murphy Cemetery Tombstone Preservation Projects. Requested \$5325.25.
3. Anna Area Historic Preservation Society, \$500.00. Historic Preservation: Anna Train Depot Restoration. Requested \$5000.00.

4. Heard Craig Center for the Arts, \$1000.00. Historic Preservation & Education. Requested \$1800.00.
5. Chambersville Cemetery Association, \$3000.00. Historic Preservation: Marker Repair, Cleaning and Leveling of Monuments. Requested \$5000.00.
6. Elm Grove Cemetery Association, \$3000.00. Historic Preservation: Marker Repair, Cleaning and Leveling of Monuments. Requested \$5000.00.
7. Heritage Farmstead Museum, \$2000.00. Historic Education and Preservation: Conservation of Miss Ammie Wilson's Cowboy Boots. Requested \$2500.00.
8. Heritage Guild of Collin County, \$1000.00. Historic Preservation: Restoration of Dulaney House Floors, Past Perfect Collections Program and Laptop. Requested \$3710.00.
9. Plano Conservancy for Historic Preservation, \$1200.00. Historic Preservation: Wayside Sign for the Bush-Elkin Cemetery. Requested \$1488.00.
10. Heritage Association of Frisco, \$1000.00. Historic Preservation: The Beginning of Frisco: Emerson and the Importance of the 1902 Griffin Lot Auction Flyer. Requested \$1221.81.
11. Snow Hill Cemetery Association, \$3200.00. Historic Preservation: Headstone and Marker Restoration. Requested \$3608.00.
12. Routh Cemeteries Association, \$3000.00. Historic Preservation: Preserve Gravestones. Requested \$5000.00.
13. Tri-Cities Coalition of Historical Societies, \$600.00. Historic Education: Cotton, Farm to Market Event. Requested \$2216.87.
14. Wylie Historical Society, \$500.00. Historic Education: Brochure for downtown Wylie. Requested \$544.39.

Total \$25000.00.

Members of the Grant Committee are: Larry Collins, Naomi Emmett, Joy Gough, Linda Hess, Jan Thatcher, Catherine Casavant.

**Cruise (Tour) Committee:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Film Preservation:** Janice Quick picked up the last two VHS tapes to be digitized, a 1950's era Allen Christmas Parades and a sign-language tour of the Collin County Farm Museum, returning them to the Allen Heritage Guild and the Collin County History Museum respectively. Janice also reported that the Collin County History Museum has a number of oral histories (on audio cassette tape) with cotton mill employees and the principal of Lovejoy School, among other longtime Collin County residents. The tapes date from 1983-2007 and represent the following communities: Murphy, Farmersville, Altoga, Melissa, Lovejoy, Anna and McKinney. A motion was made and carried to digitize these audio cassette tapes in order to preserve these interviews.

**County Markers:** The marker committee finally was able to process the marker for Cattleman's Café in Blue Ridge. It is at the foundry now. Work is ongoing for the Kelly Community marker for the Anna area.

Paula Ross and Jan Thatcher attended the marker dedication for the Johnson Store that Donna Jenkins wrote for Parker, TX. Dressed in period costume, Donna's presentation was a great "story".

The County Marker Committee now has the template to start putting together the marker booklet featuring approximately 50 county markers.

**State Markers:** The marker for Blue Ridge is in process. The Bankhead Highway Marker may get on this year's budget after all after talking with Bob Brinkman with the THC.

The Aldridge house marker is being redone because of inaccurate information on the present marker. Marianne Wells is leading that effort with the help of Clint Haggard.

Linda Hess is working on the marker narrative for the Community School in Nevada where our own Dr. Michael Black was a principal at one time.

**Speakers Bureau:** One new speaker has requested to be added to the Speakers Bureau web page, our own Alfred Arias. The CCHC also decided to add verbiage to the Speakers Bureau web page to indicate that speakers may charge a fee. We will continue to promote the Speakers Bureau at the Historical Coalition meetings and other CCHC events. The Speakers Bureau can be found on the Collin County Historical Commission's website at: [http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical\\_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx](http://www.collincountytx.gov/historical_commission/Pages/CCHC-Speakers-Bureau.aspx).

**Lakes Trails:** The latest edition of Authentic Texas was distributed among members. The annual meeting will be held on 08.29.18 at the Star in Frisco. What's happening in Frisco will be the topic.

**Educational Programs:** On June 18<sup>th</sup>, Alfred Arias attended an augmented reality workshop sponsored by UNT in Denton. Alfred learned the basic information for developing an augmented reality display. He will begin building the framework on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to produce an augmented reality pamphlet where children and adults can view the top 5 most important events in Collin County History.

**Communications/Media:** This week posts celebrating the achievement of women in Historical Preservation were featured. July will feature prominent Collin County events, monuments, buildings and people.

Our Instagram page (@CCHC2015) now has 120 followers. Our most popular Instagram post featured our two special grant presenters last week. Being shared 87 times and viewed 122 times.

Our Facebook page (Collin County Historical Commission) has 105 followers. Our most popular post was our historical grant post, receiving 37 views and shared 10 times.

Our Twitter page (Collin\_county\_historical) now has 412 followers.

**Tax Abatement:** There is nothing to report at this time.

**Historic Assets Survey:** The map online wasn't working. GIS was notified of problems. It needs work. There is a need for new committee members to get things accomplished.

**Workshops:** With information from Janice Quick, Paula Ross reached out to the Sam Rayburn House group. They will be attending the July 21 Coalition Meeting to make a presentation about the house. It is their "outreach" program to share information locally about their museum. It is schedule at 9 am and will be approximately 25 minutes long. Paula wants to send out a "save the date" notice so there will be a good turnout for the presentation. Paula would also like to make a donation to the Museum and will meet with Naomi Emmett to donate \$100.00.

**Preservation Celebration 2019:** The date chosen is April 27, 2019. The celebration will be held at the Heritage Farmstead in Plano. There is no rental fee for the facility and tent rentals are a possibility. More information to follow.

**Coalition Meetings Calendar:** A handout with dates of the CCHC Coalition Meeting for 2018-19 were distributed. All Coalition meetings are at the MPAC in downtown McKinney on the following dates:

Saturday, July 21, 2018 @ 9 am  
Thursday, October 18, 2018 @ 7pm  
Saturday, January 12, 2019 @ 9 am  
Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 7 pm  
Saturday, July 20, 2019 @ 9 am  
Thursday, October 17, 2019 @ 7 pm

**CCHC Meeting Dates:** Along with the Coalition Calendar, scheduled dates for the CCHC Board Meetings, to be held at the Heard-Craig Carriage House at 6:30 pm are as follows:

July 26, 2018  
August 30, 2018  
September 27, 2018  
October 25, 2018  
December 6, 2018  
January 31, 2019  
February 28, 2019  
March 28, 2019  
April 25, 2019  
May 30, 2019  
June 27, 2019  
July 25, 2019  
August 29, 2019  
September 26, 2019  
October 31, 2019  
December 5, 2019

These dates have been scheduled with Karen Zupanic@ Heard-Craig.

Adjourn 8:07 pm

**Questions or concerns please contact Dr. Michael Black @972.974.7952 or [cchcchair@yahoo.com](mailto:cchcchair@yahoo.com)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary