



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

Date: 07.27.2017
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt, McKinney
6:30 PM

Becky Airhart-Smith, Valdasta
Alfredo Arias, Celina*
Michael Black, Chair
Larry Collins, Grants*
Chris Krupa Downs, Historic Assets Survey
Naomi Emmett, Treasurer*
Joy Gough, State Markers
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Michael Mendenhall, Workshops
Diane Miller, Melissa
Kim Peat, Anna
Janice Quick, Plano
Paula Ross, Allen
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, Plano
Eric Nishimoto, Liaison

Absent*

Public Comments:

Janice Quick passed out flyers for the next Collin County Genealogical Society, which meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7 pm at the Haggard Library, 2501 Coit Rd, Plano, TX (excluding July & August). The next meetings are: September 13, 2017 with Farmersville descendent, Beverly Lenoir, speaking of “Writing Family Stories”. On October 11, 2017, Ari Wilkins from the Dallas County Library will be speaking about “Black and White Southern Families in Plantation Records”. Visitors are welcome and for more information, contact ccgs.programs@gmail.com.

Becky Airhart-Smith has been reappointed to the CCHC board after mistakenly removed from office.

On August 5, 2017 at 10 am, a marker dedication will take place in Anna for the Collin McKinney homestead. More information will follow.

The Heard-Craig Carriage House has been secured for our monthly board meetings, for the next fiscal year.

Coalition Meetings for the upcoming year are scheduled for October 2017, January, April, and July 2018. The Old Courthouse on the Square will be the location.

Minutes and Volunteer Hours: The minutes were approved with corrections. Volunteer hours for those present total: 152 hrs./CCHC; 48 hrs./other historic organizations.

Treasurer's Report: Year to date out of a revised budget of \$52,400 for the Historical Commission; \$14,136.90 has been paid out or encumbered for future payment. This leaves a balance of \$38,263.10. We have spent 26.98% of our budget. We are in balance with the county.

Committee Reports

Grants: At the August 7, 2017 Commissioners Court meeting, the 2017-2018 Grant Program recommendations submitted to the Court will be voted on by the Commission. Once approved, letters will be sent to the applicants with the checks issued later.

The Anna Historical Society made a presentation for grant funds received. Kim Peat made the presentation. The funds awarded in the amount of \$4500 were to be used for moving the Anna Train Depot to a permanent location. Location became an issue and the grant was used for a new roof which was badly needed. A permanent location has been now secured and will be moved within a year.

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

Texas Film Round-Up: A historic 16mm film belonging to the Collin County History Museum was given to U-Edit Video in Richardson to be digitized. The DVDs are ready. The committee will pick them up and deliver one DVD to the Collin County History Museum and the other to the McKinney Library. The label on the film states "McKinney, Texas Cyclone 1948, May 5" and "Ice Storms 1949-1950". The film was apparently shot by J. W. Thompson of McKinney. (Note: Mr. Thompson owned the film and at the time, people of means owned 16mm cameras,

while most others would have 8mm.)

County Markers: There is nothing new in this area. Possible future markers include the Anna Train Depot, the town of Lebanon and the Lebanon Store.

State Markers: The Bankhead Highway information has been sent to Joy Gough for submission. The marker for Blue Ridge was broken off from the post. Diane Miller checked with a welder and it was suggested to mount the marker in brickwork to prevent future vandalism. The Mantua marker, which may be in the way of future road construction, will be moved to a new location at a local school in Anna.

Lakes Trails: Lakes Trails, as were all the trails in Texas, was funded by the Texas Historic Commission. Our State Representative, Justin Holland (Rockwall) was behind it. Unfortunately, there is less money-60% than last year.

For those that have yet to receive a subscription of Authentic Texas Magazine, Clyde Kerley will submit a list to Jill Campbell. As the CCHC is a member of the Lakes Trails, we all should be receiving a copy.

Next meeting of the Lakes Trails will be in Grand Prairie.

Educational Programs: There is nothing to report at this time.

Communications/Media: On FaceBook there are two pages for the Collin County Historical Commission, which is causing confusion. It was suggested that the two be combined.

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

Historical Assets Survey: Anna Historical Society has added two new additions to the survey.

Workshops: Wednesday, August 16, 2017, from 9-noon, at the Collin County Historical Society and Museum there will be a workshop on "Advocacy for Small Museums" with Deborah Kilgore leading the group. It will be based on the recent Texas A & M's workshop held in Ft. Worth on how to be an advocate for your museum without lobbying which violates 501(c)3 rules. How can museum boards, staff and volunteers develop and promote history with government officials, schools, service organizations, businesses, and thousands of new Collin County residents? This workshop will cover developing effective communications not thought of.

A future workshop Paula Ross is working on is with Collin County Clerk, Stacey Kemp, in her

“Genealogy Corner.” The workshop will cover reaching birth, marriage & death indexes of the county, along with school census and use of the cemetery locator. Newly added records are available for cattle brands, elected officials, plus men and women of WWII from Collin County, records that trace our rich history within Collin County.

Preservation Celebration/Awards: Preservation Celebration 2018 will be hosted by the Frisco Heritage Society with support from the CCHC. Plans are underway for the event to be held on April 28, 2018 at the Frisco Senior Citizen Center. Possible theme: Trails and Rails, addressing the historical cattle trails, the Lake Trails and the various railroads in Collin County.

Nominating Committee: The nominating committee met and selected a slate of officers. All have agreed to serve. Officers are: Chair-Michael Black, Vice Chair-Donna Jenkins, Secretary-Jan Thatcher, Treasurer-Naomi Emmett.

Future agenda items: August meeting Committees will be formed. September meeting: All committees will have goals, budget and purpose statement.

Meeting adjourned at 7:26

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Thatcher, Secretary