



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

Date 10.25.18

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

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

Absent*

Public Comments: Thank you, Lolisa for supplying the meal.

CCHC member, Alfred Arias, will be speaking to the Collin County Genealogical Society on November 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm, at the Plano Haggard Library on the topic of “Hidden Collin County History.”

The Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) is sponsoring a Texas Film Round-up in Waco November 9 & 10. Area residents can bring home movies of all types (8mm, VHS, etc.) to be digitized by TAMI for free. For more details see:

https://www.texasarchive.org/library/index.php?title=News:Texas_Film_Round_Up_Waco.

Marianne Wells announced the City of Plano will be dedicating the county marker for Russell A. Steindam on Veteran’s Day. The park is located at 4501 Quincy Lane, Plano, TX 75024.

Clyde Kerley shared there will be a lecture on Saturday at the Frisco Heritage Museum at 10 am with a brunch at 9:30. Author Rita Crowder will be speaking about the lost towns of Rockhill, Lolaville, Lebanon and Arudia, all now part of Frisco.

Paula Ross and Jan Thatcher attended a dedication ceremony for Private Moses Mahan, the only War of 1812 veteran buried in Collin County. The ceremony was sponsored by the Craig Austin Rowley Chapter, General Society War of 1812 and John Cavet Chapter, United States Daughters of 1812. Private Mahan is buried in Pike Cemetery adjacent to the Pike Baptist Church in Blue Ridge.

The Coalition meeting held October 13 was well attended with 12-14 attendees. The next Coalition Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 12, 2019 in McKinney.

The 2018-2019 Committees are as follows:

Grants: Larry Collins, Chair, Linda Hess, Joy Gough, Jan Thatcher, Catherine Casavant
Awards: Larry Collins, Chair, Lolisa Laenger, Diane Miller, Naomi Emmitt, Catherine Casavant
Cruise: Jan Thatcher, Chair, Lolisa Laenger, Diane Miller, Donna Jenkins
Film Preservation: Janice Quick, Chair, Diane Miller, Naomi Emmitt, Jan Thatcher, Kim Peat
State Markers: Marianne Wells, Chair, Joy Gough, Linda Hess, Paula Ross, Larry Collins
County Markers, Kim Peat, Chair, Joy Gough, Linda Hess
Speakers Bureau: Janice Quick, Chair
Educational Programs: Alfred Arias, Chair
Tax Abatement: Joy Gough, Chair, Diane Miller, Jan Thatcher, Kim Peat
Historic Assets: Donna Jenkins, Chair, Joy Gough
Workshops: Clyde Kerley, Chair, Lolisa Laenger, Paula Ross, Becky Airhart-Smith, Jan Thatcher
Preservation Celebration: Jan Thatcher, Chris Krupa-Downs, Co-Chairs, Lolisa Laenger, Larry Collins, Catherine Casavant, Becky Airhart-Smith
Cemeteries: Marianne Wells, Chair, Joy Gough, Diane Miller, Chris Krupa-Downs
Media: Alfred Arias, Chair
Finance: Catherine, Chair, Larry Collins, Clyde Kerley, Naomi Emmitt

Minutes and Volunteer Hours: The minutes were approved with corrections. Volunteer hours: 240 hours for CCHC, 149 for other volunteer organizations.

Treasurer's Report: The Commissioner's Court approved a budget of \$49,900.00 for Fiscal Year 2019. Committees submitted budget requests to the Finance Committee for approval. The Finance Committee will make recommendations at next month's meeting.

Committee Reports:

Grants: *Vision Statement:* The Collin County Historical Commission's grant program exists to give money for heritage events, projects and programs in Collin County. The CCHC will offer an opportunity for the recipient to receive funds so that their heritage efforts will benefit a town, city Collin County or the entire North Texas region.

Goals: 1. This is the only available funding in the county to assist the various organizations for historical preservation and education. Support the Collin County Commissioner's Court for making funds available for dispersal and a financial commitment to maintain the grant program.

2. Expand the membership of the Coalition by promoting the grant program through media and Coalition Meetings.
3. Expand the number of grant applicants.
4. Improve the program by updating the grant application annually.
5. Allow the grant program to continue to help the historical organizations of Collin County who have financial and emergency needs.
6. Continue to spend the dollars on the grant program which creates a ripple effect by preserving our historical assets for future generations.

2018-2019 Budget Request: Grants \$25000.00, Emergency Grants \$1000.00. Total Budget: \$25,000.00.

Tentative Timeline 2019

Mon. January 12: Public notice of funding opportunities: Applications available at the Coalition Meeting and online.

Tuesday, May 7: Orientation Meeting: 7-9 pm. Attendance is mandatory at the Heard-Craig Carriage House in McKinney.

Monday, May 13-Friday, June 7: Applications accepted at the Commissioner's Court Offices. NOTE: APPLICATION DEADLINE IS 5:00 PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Monday, June 10: Applications are sent to CCHC Grant Funding Committee members.

Thursday, June 27: Members study grant requests and contact applicants if additional information is required. The CCHC Grant Committee will make recommendations to CCHC Board at the regular monthly meeting at which time the Board will vote on final recommendations to the Commissioner's Court. All meetings are open to the general public.

July: CCHC recommendations regarding funding will be placed on one of the July agenda meetings of the Commissioner's Court for approval. The grantee must follow county procurement and spending procedures in the use of the grant funds. Funding period will extend from August 1, 2019-July 30, 2020.

State Markers: Marianne Wells and Paula Ross met with the owners of the Gallegher House in Wylie this past month. It was decided to ask for the standard pole for the marker, if the application is approved. The application should be ready to be submitted next week.

Marianne and Paula are in the final stages of reviewing the narrative for the Aldridge House in Plano. It has been a very tedious task for nearly a year to work through all the inaccuracies in the original narrative that was done by the preservation architect. Marianne believes it can be wrapped up and sent in by next week.

Linda Hess has two Texas Historical Marker applications completed for the Community Independent School District in Nevada and The First Baptist Church of Lavon.

Diane Miller has done the research for a state marker at Orenduff Cemetery in Melissa, which Marianne used in the cemetery designation application. Carlyn Hammons with the Cemetery Department of the Texas Historical Commission has encouraged us to complete the marker application now that the cemetery has been designated. Marianne thinks the deadline can be met. If so, there will be five markers submitted this year: three from the southeast quadrant, one from the southwest for Plano; and one from the northwest for Melissa. Of those, two are Registered Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHL) which will be weighted more heavily since the THC is encouraging those this year. It remains to be seen how Collin County's applications stack up in this first year of intense competition.

Marianne would like to recommend in the future the CCHC require a checklist with the marker narrative to insure the writer has checked basic facts and can back up findings with documentation. Copies of findings such as census records, Sanborn maps, death certificates, deeds and obituaries should be submitted with the narrative for county certification. The THC is stressing local verification of facts and requires those facts be certified before submitting an application.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$7600.00

County Markers: The Cattleman's Cafe marker has been erected in Blue Ridge. Kelly and Steindam markers are in process.

County Marker Vision Statement: To interpret county history and historic landmarks, preserving them by accumulating information, and marking them or their locations in at least each county quadrant per year.

2018-2019 Goal: To complete 5 markers this year. One is currently in process for this year.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$5200.00. 1 marker = \$1040.00 x 5 markers = \$5200.00.

Cemeteries: The City of McKinney is working directly with the president of DART to come up with a resolution to the erosion issue at Ross Cemetery. Graves washing away is the concern. It will be a long and expensive process but everyone is very hopeful that the problem will be resolved.

Educational Programs: On Saturday, January 12, 2019, Alfred Arias will be conducting a workshop in Plano, sponsored by his employer.

A virtual reality brochure Alfred Arias is working on is about a year away from completion if equipment can be acquired.

Suggested project for this fiscal year is a photo contest, "Collin County History & Focus," capturing Collin County history. Age range for participants would be children up to age 18. The winner would keep the original photo but sign a waiver for the CCHC to use the image in the future. There is a need to get the word out to all schools, home, public, private and charter.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$1000.00.

Communications: Twitter followers: 435, FaceBook followers: 123, and Instagram followers: 135. September & October's post was to promote the African American Heritage Tour. It had 100 hits with 17 shares. For November and December, Collin County Holiday Events will be promoted.

Preservation Celebration: Jan Thatcher recently attended the Old Settlers Gathering held at Rutledge Haggard's Party Barn, located in far west Plano, east of the North Dallas Tollway and north of Parker Rd. It will be a great venue for the event. There is a kitchen, plenty of seating, a stage and sound system. It has all kinds of antiques and collectables, it's just a fun place for the event. Through Marianne Wells, renting the venue will run \$450.00 plus \$15.00/hr. for an attendant. Allowing for time to set up and break down, the estimated time total will be 6 hours. \$450.00 + \$90.00 (\$15.00 x 6 hrs. = \$90.00). Estimate for the venue: \$550.00.

Chris Krupa-Downs contacted a caterer she knows and received a bid. Jan Thatcher is also contacting a caterer for a quote.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$6000.00.

Awards Budget Request: \$425.00

Historic Assets: The committee is accepting any narratives for locations currently listed on the Historic Assets Survey map. There have been issues with the website and it is suggested users go through the browser rather than Google or Yahoo.

Film Preservation: Objectives of this committee for fiscal year 2018-2019: To discover & preserve films & videos that showcase Collin County's history & culture and to make these videos available for the public to view. Also, the committee received 7 audio tapes of oral histories conducted by Joy Gough. These will be digitized and returned to Joy Gough.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$500.00

Workshops: Workshops is looking to revise and expand the joint county meeting of the past. Present participants are Collin, Rockwall, Fannin, Grayson, Denton and Hunt. The committee would like to add Cook, Montague, Lamar and Kaufman. The goal is reach out to the preservation groups within those counties to compare and share information. When this is accomplished, a larger meeting place would be needed. Presently, the Heard-Craig Carriage House has filled the need but the Old Court House on the square (MPAC) was mentioned as a possible alternative.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$1200.00.

Tax Abatement: There are 3 new applications at this time.

The Annual Schedule is as follows:

1. Revise and update the previous year's tax abatement packet.
2. Update and check the previous year's list of properties for accuracy.

3. Contact the CAD tax abatement department to see if there are any changes in the procedure or scheduling.
4. Send the new tax abatement packet to people who request information on the program.

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5. Collect the new applications from Eric Nishimoto's office at the courthouse.
6. Review new applications to make sure all information has been included.
7. At the December meeting, distribute the updated lists to committee members for inspections of properties
8. Inspect properties in December and January.
9. Submit lists of inspected properties that have been approved or denied to the Historical Commission at January's meeting. The Commission will vote to accept or deny the lists.
10. If the lists are accepted, they are sent to Eric to be presented at a February session of the Commissioner's Court for approval.
11. If the Commissioner's Court accepts the proposed historic tax abatement lists, the lists will be given to the CAD tax abatement department for processing.

At present, 2018, the county CAD department has a March deadline.

NO BUDGET REQUESTED. Printing or mailing will be done by Eric's office.

Cruise Committee: The 2019 cruise will be a trip to Bonham to visit the Sam Rayburn House Museum in the spring. Jan Thatcher looked into upgrading the buses. The one quote received was just under \$2000.00, which is the proposed budget the committee hopes to be working with. The committee will continue to use the school buses and Durham bus service.

2018-2019 Budget Request: \$2000.00

NOTE: Other budget considerations not committee related include meeting rooms for 11 monthly Board meetings and 4 Coalition meetings, future conference attendance, postcards and flyers for future events.

Adjourn at 7:36 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary