



Collin County Historical Commission
7117 CR 166
McKinney, TX 75071

Date: 01.30.20
Heard Craig Carriage House
205 West Hunt St., McKinney
6:30 PM

Mary Kaye Adams, County Cruises
Alfredo Arias, Communications/Media
Catherine Casavant, Treasurer
Dave Cornette, Allen
Joy Gough, Tax Abatement
Linda Hess, Farmersville
Donna Jenkins, Vice Chair*
Diann Jones, Anna
Colin Kimball, McKinney*
Diane Miller, Melissa
Paula Ross, Chair
Jan Samuels, Public Relations
Justin Simmons, Speakers Bureau*
Jan Thatcher, Secretary
Marianne Wells, State Markers, Cemeteries*
Jane Yancey, Plano*
Jennifer Rogers, Liaison*
Judy Florence, Liaison*

*Absent

Call to Order: 6:34 pm

Welcome Guests: Max Northup, McKinney. Welcome our new Historical Commission member, Dave Cornette, Allen.

Public Comments: Thank you, Paula Ross, for dinner.

Farmersville will host the Annual Spring Luncheon on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Guest speaker will be Jill Bean, daughter of Rose-Mary Rumbley and will include a style show sponsored by the Cynthia Elliott Boutique in McKinney.

The Collin County History Museum will host a workshop on Women's Historical Costuming on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 6-7:30 pm. Guest speaker will be Jamie Seibert, founder of the Women's Vintage Society of Dallas and president of the Rosie the Riveter Association, North Dallas Chapter.

The City of Allen will host "Better Block" on March 21-22, 2020. They are looking for vendors, offering free space rental for the event.

Anna Area Historical Society (AAHS) recently announced the acquisition of a complete collection of railroad memorabilia donated by Gil Stricklin, Sr. Gil's dad worked on the railroad for over 50 years and started collecting early on.

Paula Ross reminded all Historical Commission members about the Mandatory "Open Meetings Act" training. The training can be found on the Texas Attorney General's website.

Paula also distributed a 2020 Calendar with all dates, times and locations of the CCHC meetings.

Minutes/Roll Call: Minutes were approved with corrections. Accumulated volunteer hours totaled: 287.

Treasurer's Report: As of 01.29.20, the CCHC has spent \$1349 and encumbered \$1650, leaving a balance of \$46,901. The report was approved.

Committee Reports:

Grants: The mandatory grant meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 17 at the Heard Craig Carriage House at 7 pm.

State Markers: A new foundry for the state markers has been announced. Now is the time for catching up with the markers approved from last year.

Cemeteries: Marianne Wells is attending a conference in Austin. She reports there was a lecture on the use of the product D-2, used to clean old markers covered with mold and lichen. There is now a question as to the effectiveness in using this product. Research is needed and Marianne along with Jane Yancey are willing to do the research.

County Markers: The Kelly Community marker will be placed with plans to hold the dedication ceremony sometime in March. Likewise, with the Cowskin Community marker.

Educational Programs: The updated "Carry along Collin" program which has been revamped to reflect the feel of the "Great American Race" and is set to launch on Saturday, June 20. There will be ten sites in the downtown McKinney area that are participating. Some of the sites are: MPAC (old court house on the square), the Farmer's Market, Chestnut Square, Heard-Craig for the Arts, the Elm Street Saloon area and the Mississippi Building. It is being marketed to students, families and adults.

Communications/Media: This year's schedule for both FaceBook and Twitter will be as follows: January-Grants; February-Grants and Black History; March-Preservation Celebration 2020-Anna; April-Women's Contributions; May, June, July and August-highlighting each of the quadrants of the county; September-end of summer and back to school in museums; October, November and December will highlight the holidays for that respective month.

Alfred Arias asks to be emailed with anything historical within the county to post it on the CCHC FaceBook page and Twitter. Our FaceBook page is: Collin County Historical Commission Texas and has 255 followers. Our Twitter account is: @CCHC2015 and has 449 followers.

Public Relations: Award applications for the 2020 Preservation Celebration-Anna will be this month's focus. The Committee will be contacting schools and newspapers. Next month's focus will be promoting Carry Along Collin.

Tax Abatement: The Historical Commission voted to approve the committee's recommendations for approvals and denials. One owner who was denied, plans to protest, saying the letter was never received and plans to correct the reasons for denial by March of this year.

Deadline for accepting applications this year is October 31, 2020.

Historic Assets Survey (HAS): HAS focus this year is to add Collin County schools. There are 4 members on the committee-Diann Jones, Joy Gough, Dave Cornette and Donna Jenkins. There are probably 300-500 schools between 1845-1950 in Collin County. Some are on the survey map with narratives but many more need to have an application and narrative written. The committee is in need of help from Coalition members, genealogy groups and historical societies.

Donna is asking for invitations to speak with historical interest groups. She would take 30 minutes and instruct those to fill out the application and write a narrative. Being an author or trained writer is not required. The committee will edit any submissions before placed on the Historic Assets Survey. There are research books on a number of communities and names of schools in the area. Information on the CCHC website is outdated so Donna asks to be contacted by email (donnajenkins1946@gmail.com) or call 972.814.8928.

Workshops: There will be a Women's Costuming Workshop March 3, from 6-7:30 at the Collin County History Museum, 300 E Virginia, McKinney. Guest speaker represents the Women's Vintage Society of Dallas and Rosie the Riveter Association, North Dallas Chapter.

Preservation Celebration: Jan Thatcher met with the Anna Area Historical Society earlier this afternoon to discuss the Preservation Celebration to be held in Anna on April 18, 2020. Discussions of venue, food, speaker and decorations were discussed. Jan stressed the need for invoices and W-9's to be submitted for reimbursement from the County.

Awards: Catherine Casavant has updated the Awards application form and distributed copies at January's Coalition meeting. The form may be found online under: *Collin County Historical Commission/Preservation Celebration/Event Links/2020 Preservation Celebration Awards Nomination Form.*

Cruises: There are no definite plans at this time and the committee is open to suggestions as to what areas of the county to explore. Contact Mary Kaye Adams with any suggestions.

Film Preservation: This committee is still looking for a Chair. Diane Miller and Jan Thatcher are current members.

Speakers Bureau: Justin Simmons is Chair. The list of speakers may be found on our Collin County Historical Commission website under Speakers Bureau.

Brochure: The brochure explains what the Collin County Historical Commission does. The hope is to educate the citizens of Collin County to the accomplishments of the CCHC and a tool for involvement.

Future Agenda Items: Alfred Arias brought up the subject of a live webcam and streaming our meeting. That subject will be discussed at our February meeting.

Adjourn: 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Thatcher, Secretary