

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, March 11, at 4:00 P.M., in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. Chris Dyer served as Chair and Clare Easley as Secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne Beever, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Chris Dyer, Clare Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Larry Quick, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, Wayne Ware, Nelma Wilkinson. Guests present were: Diane Goodwin, Barbara Glasscock and Linda Satter.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Diane Goodwin introduced guest Linda Satter from Cedar Park, who serves as a Williamson County Archeological Steward in Precinct 3. Dyer invited Ms. Satter to get involved with the WCHC and thanked her for attending.

P. J. Stevens moved to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2010 meeting. Wayne Ware 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

David Voelter gave the treasurer's report. Chris Dyer moved to accept the treasurer's report as information, P.J. Stevens 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Committee Reports:

Markers – Dyer reported that the Texas Historical Commission has completed the text for the Rocky Hollow Cemetery historical marker. The Rocky Hollow Cemetery Association has approved the text. Southwestern University has received its Kappa Alpha historical marker. Dyer mentioned that the “Airport Road Slave Cabin” in Georgetown should be considered for nomination as a Recorded Historic Texas Landmark by the WCHC.

Cemetery –Larry Quick reported that the group held a committee meeting just before this meeting and is getting organized for cemetery mapping tasks. They are ready to document sites. Unfortunately, the data on available cemetery maps is not consistent and the group will attempt to reconcile this. Eventually, the group will compile the various sources of cemetery data into one document with basic site information and current site

conditions. Conditions will be recorded as high, medium or low endangerment levels. This final document will be made available to the county surveyor's office.

Oral History – Dyer reported that the group has identified its major topics of focus; school consolidation, construction of I-35, and floods of 1921 and 1956. Oral history training will take place on March 15 from 1-3pm at the Museum. The WCHC membership was invited to attend.

Membership Outreach – Dipprey reported that the City has approved the memorial pavers for the courthouse sidewalks and will install them as received in groups of 10 or more. The committee will start working on commitment forms for the bricks and attempt to have them available to the public soon. Cost will be \$50 to the public for each memorial brick. Dipprey suggested that the group meet at El Patron for its next regular meeting and that she would secure the reservation.

Dyer reminded the WCHC members of the importance of regular meeting attendance, per the by-laws. He will give a mid-year report to the Commissioners Court on the progress of the WCHC before the April WCHC meeting, which will include information on member attendance.

Announcements:

THC Annual Conference: April 22-25, Houston

Cedar Park Heritage Festival: April 10, Milburn Park, Cedar Park

Meeting Adjourned – 4:45 p.m.

Next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, April 8, 2010 at El Patron Restaurant on University Avenue in Georgetown.