

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on June 10, 2010, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Clare Easley served as Secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne J. Beever, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Clare Easley, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Landsford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Tommy Walker, Wayne Ware

Guests present: Diane Goodwin

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

The Chair called for review of the May 2010 WCHC minutes. Ed Landsford moved to approve the minutes. George Meyer seconded. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The Gary Spivey moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented by David Voelter, Kandy Dipprey 2nd. There was no discussion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Mickie Ross announced the open house June 16 in Round Rock of the Williamson County annex. Information about the bricks the commission is selling will be available at this open house.

P J Stevens announced the construction of a 199 foot Cingular cell tower at 300 CR 155 (Northwest of Weir). After discussion, the consensus of the commission was that it will not affect any historic properties.

Committee Reports:

Brick Sales: Brick report by chair Kandy Dipprey: 9 sold, one will be bought by the WCHC honoring Chris Dyer in honor of his tenure as chair of the commission. Also, a larger brick 8" x 8" will be purchased by the WCHC on behalf of the WCHC (Kandy will work on the wording). Invoice to be sent to treasurer Voelter. Laura Sue Smith moved, Mildred Davis seconded, to approve purchase. Passed- Unanimous.

PJ will prepare a form letter to send to purchasers and also to those being honored.

Markers: None

Cemetery: Wayne Ware reported on cemetery committee. He is currently updating lists and using a website, “find a grave”. A master list will be housed on the county’s website. It has maps with GPS coordinates, GIS, and TXDOT corridor study. PJ and Wayne met w/ Richard Semple and George Strabel at the County’s GIS dept to discuss housing our data on their system and eventually linking our website to theirs to access the info. They were receptive to this idea.

Also, Wayne and PJ met w/ Lynn Smith with HNTB and several representative of TXDOT to discuss the scope of our cemetery location progress. They are conducting an IH-35 corridor study from Dallas to San Antonio and locating cemeteries is a key component of their work. Since we were already working on this, they were requesting that we focus our immediate attention on the IH-35 corridor as it runs through the county. We are happy to help w/ that and will verify along this route initially.

Oral History: Gary Spivey gave oral history report. First focus will be on schools in the Liberty Hill area. He has been using school annuals to help w/ his research. Older members have been helpful locating old annuals. He asked that members e-mail him names to be interviewed.

Membership Outreach: None

Announcements:

Clare Easley asked commissioners to consider a WCHC donation for the repair of the historic Wesley Chapel AME church at 508 W. 4th Street in Georgetown. She will invite a representative of the church to come to our September meeting to give a presentation and formal request.

There was discussion about the invoice from the museum for covering WCHC meeting notification cards. Mickie was directed to send the invoice to treasurer Voelter for payment.

There will be no July meeting.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Easley, Secretary