

## **Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission**

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 9, 2014, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Members present were: Kandy Dipprey, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Milton Liese, George Myer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Wayne Ware.

There were no guests present.

The Chair called for review of the September 2014 minutes. Mervin Walker moved that the minutes be approved. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

There was no treasurer's report due to the absence of Mildred Davis. The Chair will ask that it be sent out after the treasurer's return.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Cemetery -**

Wayne Ware reported that he had mowed three cemeteries and was scheduled to mow another one on Friday.

Wayne reported that he looked into what a marker might cost if we pursued the possibility of a county historical marker. He will work with Bob Brinkman in getting information concerning the criteria for state markers and how he could fashion criteria for a county marker.

The Chair emphasized the need to continue to work toward compiling an inventory of all historical landmarks within Williamson County. Wayne will form a committee of three or four people to work on this initiative.

#### **Markers –**

Mickie Ross reported that the First Baptist Church marker application is the only one that has been received.

## **Oral History-**

No new interviews have been done. Winnan reported that she is still working on narratives.

## **Infrastructure –**

The Chair received a letter from the Texas Department of Transportation concerning a project that may result in the replacement of the existing bridge over Brushy Creek on FM 619 southeast of Taylor in Williamson County. The current bridge was constructed in 1955. The bridge is currently not listed in the State's Historic Bridge inventory database as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. TxDOT is asking the WCHC to notify them if the bridge is significant at the local or regional level.

After review of the information, Mickie Ross moved to confirm with TxDOT that the bridge has no local or regional significance. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair met with Mark Brown and other state officials in Walburg. They are looking at a proposal to widen FM 972 to three lanes (one being a continuous turn lane) and construct a sidewalk from Mican Motors to just past the Walburg Community Center.

## **Membership –**

Kandy Dipprey reported that she had booked Gumbo's for our Christmas Party to be held on December 11 at 6:30 p.m.

The Chair reminded us that January 2015 (being odd number year) is when new members may be added and any changes to officers should also be made at this time.

The next meeting will be scheduled in November.

## **Announcements:**

Mickie Ross passed out a list of things that will be going on at the Museum in October. One major happening will be Up the Chisholm Trail celebration. One of highlights of the event will be the Chuckwagon dutch oven cooking contest. There is a limit of 20 participants at a cost of \$25 per person.

She reported that the Patterson House Museum in Hutto is moving along.

The Dan Moody Documentary will be ready around the first of November.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.