

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on July 28, 2011, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne Beever, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

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

The Chair asked if anyone had any information concerning the health of Larry Rydell. No one had heard anything.

The Chair called for review of the May 2011 minutes. George Myer moved to accept the minutes. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance is \$12,426.16. Claire Easley moved to accept the treasurer's report. Ed Lansford seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

There was no old business.

New Business:

- a. The Chair received an e-mail from a family that had purchased one of the memorial bricks. They were concerned about apparent scratches across the face of the brick. These scratches seem to be imperfections in the brick molding process. The Chair will draft a letter of response to the family addressing their concerns.

There was discussion among the commission that the acknowledgement letter may need to be changed to reflect the issues concerning the placement of the bricks by the city (possibly a disclaimer of the quality of the bricks and the placement of the bricks). Marietta Mugford moved that two people work on a new letter to cover the issues brought up concerning the bricks. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Kandy Dipprey will also check with the Acme Brick Company about the scratches. Ed Lansford suggested that a statement be added to the order form that we are unable to guarantee the condition of the bricks once installed by the city.

- b. After discussion concerning the historical significance of the county-owned property at 2800 FM 1660, Hutto TX, PJ Stevens moved that TXDOT be notified that the WCHC finds no historical significance of this property. Gary Spivey seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous hand vote.
- c. The commission discussed the need for a budget committee to work on the WCHC budget for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. A budget needs to be adopted at the September meeting. The budget committee will consist of four members: David Voelter, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey and Barbara Glasscock. They will meet on August 3, at 9:00 a.m. in the Steger-Bizzell conference room.

Also the audit committee needs to meet within the next week or so to review the treasurer's reports.

Claire Easley will ask the AME Church for a follow-up on the donation the WCHC made to them.

Committee Reports:

Markers -

The Monodale Historical Marker that was reported missing was found a week later. It was thrown in a ditch off County Road 108. The marker is currently being stored in PJ Stevens' garage.

An item will be placed on the September agenda to discuss who needs to reinstall the marker.

Cemetery -

Wayne Ware reports that he has gotten to point where he is not finding anything new. He said that there may some graves of slaves on property close to the Wolf Ranch. Margie Fullen told him that there may be a family cemetery east of Hwy. 95 and south of the San Gabriel River near Circleville. Wayne was aware of the cemetery, but has not been able to reach the current owners of the property for permission to look at it.

Oral History -

Gary Spivey reported that he had an interview with Dickie Magell, who was a 7-year all-pro football player.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that she had received four new brick orders. She will also look into the need for reappointments to the WCHC by the Williamson County Commissioners Court.

Infrastructure –

Nothing to report.

Announcements:

There were none.

Meeting adjourned – 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock