

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, April 5th, 2007 on the second floor of the Williamson County Historical Museum at 716 S Austin Avenue in Georgetown, Texas. Bob Brinkman was in the chair and David Hollingsworth was secretary. Members attending were: Bob Brinkman, Chris Dyer, Margie Fullen, David Hollingsworth, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Marietta Mugford, Larry Rydell, Fred "Coop" Smith, Laura Sue Smith, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, Tommy Walker, Elsie Waller.

The chair called the meeting to order at about 2:08 pm.

David Voelter noted that the minutes from the previous meeting described David Hollingsworth as "acting" even though he had been elected secretary. Mervin Walker moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Fred "Coop" Smith seconded. The motion carried.

David Voelter gave the Treasurer's report. The balance as of 4/5/2007 was \$13,987.06. David also presented a proposed budget for fiscal year 2007-8. David Hollingsworth moved to accept the proposed budget. Chris Dyer seconded. The motion carried.

Old business:

David Hollingsworth moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Williamson County Historical Commission opposes transferring the authority to grant variances to Capitol View Corridors from the Legislature to any other entity.

Fred "Coop" Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David Hollingsworth moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Williamson County Historical Commission supports the creation of a group to study the Capitol View Corridors and make recommendations to the 81st Legislature.

Fred "Coop" Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

New business:

David Hollingsworth moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Williamson County Historical Commission supports HB 2910, which would require the City of Austin to get approval from the City of Cedar Park before using the property surrounding the Bonnet Cemetery to store water treatment residue or additional rock quarrying.

Larry Rydell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David Hollingsworth moved to adopt the following resolution:

The Williamson County Historical Commission is concerned about the impact of commercial billboards on the feeling and setting of historic properties within the viewshed of the billboard. WCHC therefore supports SB 137 / HB 2243, which would allow counties to declare that TxDOT billboard rules apply to certain county roads, and opposes HB 3710, which would allow TxDOT to lease billboard rights along toll roads.

David Voelter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Milton Liese presented to Williamson County Historical Commission and museum a history of the Zion Lutheran Church and a compilation of the records of the church.

Committee reports:

David Hollingsworth gave a report for the cemetery committee. Bob Brinkman noted that an Historic Texas Cemetery application for the Easley / Sloan cemetery had been sent to Texas Historical Commission and returned for lack of a County Historical Commission signature.

Ed Lansford gave a report for the museum committee. Chris Dyer said that anyone who wanted to volunteer for Pioneer Days should volunteer with Lisa Worley or Jeanne Holmes.

Bob Brinkman reported for the marker committee. Marietta Mugford had sent a letter of thanks to Bob Brinkman and WCHC for assistance with the Harry N. Graves marker. Laura Sue Smith noted that Marietta did an exceptional job as hostess. Chris Dyer noted two upcoming marker dedications: the Post Oak Island Lodge marker on Saturday May 12th and the Dr Dickey marker on Saturday June 16th at 10:30 am.

David Hollingsworth gave a report for the infrastructure committee.

Commissioner Announcements:

Fred "Coop" Smith related a story regarding Judge Graves.

Chris Dyer noted that a friend of David Voelter had some of the Williamson County District Courtroom balcony railing in their barn and has given it on loan to the museum. The railing has been installed in the courthouse.

Larry Rydell announced that Taylor had their opening day for the library on Saturday. The Conservation and Historical Society is raising money to buy the library a new microfilm viewer and printer. The main street project is working on the 2nd block of 6 blocks. Taylor Bloomin' fest will be held May 5th.

Chris Dyer announced that Poppyfest will occur on April 28th & 29th in Georgetown.

Tommy Walker announced that the Ladies Group in Weir will hold an Arts and Crafts show on April 21st from 8 am - 2 pm. The Weir fire department will have a BBQ at the station at around 3:30 pm. On April 28th, the First Baptist Church will have a singing event with BBQ lunch and desserts from 10 am - 4 pm.

Margie Fullen announced that the San Jacinto Battle Symposium will be held at the University of Houston Hilton Hotel on April 14th from 8 am until 3 pm or possibly 5 pm. They will have on-site registration. Battle recreations will be held on April 21st. Also, she & Lou are celebrating their wedding anniversary.

Bob Brinkman announced that the Texas Old Missions and Forts Restoration Association 2007 conference will be held in El Paso on April 27th - 29th. Also, the 2007 Historic Preservation Conference will be held in Lakeway on April 12th - 14th.

Mervin Walker announced that the Jarrell fire department is having a street dance on April 21st from 8pm - midnight.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at about 2pm on Thursday, May 3rd, 2007, possibly at Walburg, Weir, or Jonah.

The chair called the meeting closed at 3:15pm.