

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

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, June 7th, 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, Lou Fullen, Margie Fullen, David Hollingsworth, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, Claire Maxwell, Barbara Meyer, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Ruth Olson, Fred "Coop" Smith, Laura Sue Smith, Irene Varan, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

The chair called the meeting to order at about 2:35 pm.

Bob Brinkman introduced Atef Elzaftawy and Dennis Neilson from TxDOT and Leonard Voellinger and Terri Asendorf from HALFF Associates. He thanked them for their presentation regarding the RM 620 corridor study project. Bob also noted that Lisa Worley was present to deliver Chris Dyer's marker committee report.

David Voelter **moved to approve the minutes** from the previous meeting. Claire seconded the motion. The motion carried.

David Voelter gave the **Treasurer's report**.

### **Old Business:**

Bob Brinkman noted that the issue regarding the archeological objects from the museum's archeological excavation has not been resolved.

David Hollingsworth noted that, of the bills in the Texas 80th legislature that Williamson County Historical Commission took a position on, only HB 2910 (regarding the rock quarry surrounding Bonnet cemetery) passed.

Ruth Olsen noted that the Stony Point historical marker has been found, but erecting the marker is on hold until the City's plans regarding the park are finalized. Ruth indicated that she would have preferred to have heard about the marker's status from Bob Brinkman directly.

### **New Business:**

Regarding the Wilson-Leonard site, Bob Brinkman has heard that the descendant of the man who donated is seeking to regain control of the property. According to Irene Varan, the man has suggested that the conservancy has not complied with their agreement. Bob indicated that the Texas Historical Commission is letting the archeological trust take the lead. Lou Fullen noted that it was the conservancy, not the trust, that owns the land.

### **Committee reports:**

David Hollingsworth presented a written report for the cemetery committee. David Hollingsworth noted that a Historic Texas Cemetery application has been completed for Oxley cemetery. Bob Brinkman noted that a Historic Texas Cemetery application has been turned in for Easley-Sloan cemetery.

Ed Lansford reported for the museum committee. A summary of the report was sent to the Secretary to be attached to the official copy of the minutes.

Lisa Worley reported for the marker committee. A summary of the report was sent to the Secretary to be attached to the official copy of the minutes.

## **Commissioner Announcements:**

Claire Maxwell announced that the Moody museum is going to be visited by Texas Historical Commission group touring the Brazos trail on July 27th. The Taylor homes & gardens tour was a success.

George Meyer attended the Post Oak Island historical marker dedication. It was well attended: 200 people or so. Mr. Smith, who headed up the dedication, is writing a history. Wayne noted that the dedication photos have been placed on the museum's website.

Ruth Olson announced that on Sunday June 24th at 2:30 pm, the Texas Swedish Pioneers will have their annual meeting at Palm Valley Lutheran church. Elsworth Peterson will be playing organ for 30 minutes prior. The program will be an hour, with coffee afterwards. Three scholarships of \$500 each to high school students of Swedish descent will be awarded. Laura Sue Smith encouraged everyone to go.

Claire Maxwell reported a rumor that the courthouse dedication has been pushed to September 9th.

Irene Varan announced that the Cedar Park Historical Society & the City Preservation Board will be having a visioning meeting on June 15th, with Chris Dyer as facilitator and Bob Brinkman in attendance. Cedar Park would like to have a historical center and perhaps eventually a museum.

Irene Varan inquired after Kenney's Fort, in particular noting concern regarding the placement of Grimes Boulevard. Bob Brinkman indicated that Grimes is west of the fort, but that it had been several years since he visited the fort and will check on it.

George Meyer noted that a photograph of Sheriff Maspero has been located, framed, and placed with the collection of Sheriff photographs. In addition, a photo of the interim Sheriff before Jim Wilson has been located.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at about **2pm on Thursday, August 2nd, 2007**, location to be announced.

The chair called the meeting closed at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E Hollingsworth, Secretary

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## **Upcoming events:**

On Friday, August 3rd at 6:30pm a Sneak Peek of the nearly restored Courthouse will occur, with hor d'oeuvres, orchestral music, drinks, and a presentation at 8pm. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at the County Museum.