

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on April 12, 2012, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. PJ Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

Members present were: Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Claire Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Lansford, Milton Liese, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, Laura Sue Smith Smith, Gary Spivey, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present: James Roppolo. James has petitioned the Williamson Commissioners Court for membership in the WCHC.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

The Chair called for review of the March 2012 minutes. Ed Lansford moved to approve the minutes. Mildred Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that the current balance in the checking account is \$13,837.39. Kandy Dipprey moved that we accept the treasurer's report. Gary Spivey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Old Business:

Mildred Davis presented the budget proposal for the 2012-2013 fiscal year. She has prepared a request to present to the budget committee of the Williamson County Commissioners Court in the sum of \$7,000 to help in the funding of the transcription of the oral histories and other special projects. Laura Sue Smith moved that we approve the \$7,000 budget request to be presented to the Williamson County Commissioners. Kandy Dipprey seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

There was discussion at a previous meeting concerning participation in the Sun City Non-Profits Fair to promote the sale of the memorial bricks. The fair is being held on Friday, October 26, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. The cost of a table would be \$40. Kandy Dipprey moved that we spend \$40 for a table at the Sun City Non-Profits Fair. Laura Sue Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

New Business:

None

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that there are four people in the process of preparing to submit historical marker applications. The applications do not come out until September.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has inspected the Cook Cemetery located close to the old Jonah School. He has also done work at four different cemeteries trying to keep the weeds down.

He has been working on adding text to each of the historical marker locations on the WCHC website.

Oral History –

Gary Spivey reported that he has about eight hours of stories recorded from Mr Seward, or whom Seward Junction is named. He will work with Wayne on getting the transcription on-line. Winnann Ewing will get a release form.

Membership/Outreach –

Kandy Dipprey reported that she has sent out letters concerning the delay in receiving the memorial bricks from Acme Brick Company that had been ordered. She has also received two phone calls since a new article ran in the Austin newspaper.

Infrastructure –

The Chair received a letter from The Texas Department of Transportation concerning the widening of FM 1660 between FM 973 and SH 95. The pavement width would be increased to accommodate two 12-foot travel lanes (one in each direction) and 4-foot shoulders. Eleven of the twelve culverts would be removed and replaced and the remaining culvert would be removed. The TxDot historians have determined that no historic resources are present within the area of potential effects (APE).

After review of the documentation for TxDot project CSJ #1200-01-023 (Rehabilitation of FM 1660 from FM 973 to SH 95), David Voelter moved that we respond that the WCHC concurs that there are no historic properties present. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Guest Speaker –

Dennis Werchan, who has lived in Georgetown since 1965 and in Granger prior to that, came to talk to us about a project he is pursuing. He informed us that there are only two

iron bridges left in the county. One is at Rowe Valley and the other is on Berry Creek. These bridges are located on county property. His mission is to save these bridges from destruction. He was asking for any help we could provide. It was suggested that he contact the Texas Historical Commission for some grant/funding options.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock.