

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on March 10, 2016 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 order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, George Meyer, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, George Schumann, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens and David Voelter.

There was one guest present: Col. Shelby Little. Col. Little has applied for membership in the WCHC and was recommended by County Commissioner Valerie Covey.

Minutes:

The Chair called for review of the February 11, 2016 minutes. Lloyd Mattingly moved that the minutes be approved. Mildred Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Mildred Davis reported that there is currently \$701.41 in the County Fund and \$10,379.88 in the Program Fund.

Old Business:

Nancy Bell continues work on the WCHC website. She was given information on other CHC's that have successful websites. She was informed about someone from Southwestern University that might be able to help with getting a website started and help with design. Mickie recommended a company to contact and that it might cost \$2500-\$3000 to get it started.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

Mickie Ross reported that there was a "Cedar Choppers' Marker" that was approved in 1986. That marker never went up. Mr. Roberts is inquiring about where the marker is and why it was never placed or dedicated. Bob Brinkman with THC is looking into where that marker is.

Cemetery-

Wayne Ware had previously asked for help with the purchase of new riding mower to be used for cemetery cleanup. David Voelter moved that the WCHC approve the purchase of a mower not to exceed an amount of \$1200. The mower would remain an asset of the county but be housed by Wayne Ware with parameters for use. The WCHC would set the parameters. Clare Easley seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

P.J. Stevens gave an update on the fence around the McNutt Cemetery. That fence has been installed. The WCHC is still committed to donating up to \$1000 toward the purchase. The family will need to submit invoices before payment can be made.

Oral History –

The committee has met and they are compiling a list of topics to focus on.

Membership/Outreach -

They are looking at a possible booth at the Red Poppy Festival April 22-24 to promote brick sales. Nancy Bell suggested that we run article in the Impact or Georgetown View publications to promote brick sales.

Infrastructure –

County Bridges : Dan Doss has talked with the Coupland City Council concerning the Old Barker Bridge. Metal is being sold from the bridge for scrap iron.

The Brushy Creek Bridge on the east side of Coupland has had the handrails stolen. The bridge is about a block off of CR 456 but is not passable. Coupland has done maintenance on the bridge and it can be walked on. Back in 2007, 2008 and 2009 the county spent a lot of money on it. In 2014 the Coupland city council petitioned the county to keep it up. They are asking if the WCHC could use our influence to get something done.

Lloyd Mattingly reported that there is no update on the Section 106 Review agreement. It is still in draft form. An archeologist is now being involved in the drafting of the agreement.

The Round Rock City Council is in discussions concerning what should be done with the Old Stagecoach Inn which will need to be moved or demolished because of the reconfiguring and widening of FM 620.

The Georgetown City County will be having meetings for input from the citizens concerning the Austin Avenue bridges. They are looking at four different options.

Announcements:

Mickie Ross reported that there will be new exhibits opening at the Williamson Museum.

She also spoke at the Preservation Conference. She talked about the under-told marker story of Barbette.

There is a new video out by Newsy that focuses on Georgetown and it's renewable energy initiative.

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary