

2008 CHC Annual Survey

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1 **County:**

Williamson

2 **CHC Chair Name:**

Bob Brinkman (former chair) Chris Dyer (interim)

3 **How many years has this person been CHC Chair?**

4

Text Block :

ORGANIZATION:

4 **Does your CHC have committees?**

Answer

Yes

No

5 **Which of the following committees does your CHC have?**

(check all that apply)

Answer

Endangered Properties Committee

Executive Committee

History Appreciation Committee

Research and Markers Committee

Finance and Budget Committee

Publicity / Promotion / Marketing Committee

Cemetery

Archeology

Fundraising

Other: Infrastructure (construction projects)

6 **Which of the following disciplines do your committee members have professional experience in?**

(check all that apply)

Answer

- Archeology
- Architecture
- History
- Preservation
- Tourism
- Fundraising
- Marketing / Public Relations
- Teaching
- Writing
- Other

7 Do you have bylaws?

Answer

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

8 When were your bylaws last updated?

2005

9 Does your CHC actively communicate with your county officials?

Answer

- Yes
- No

10 How do you actively communicate with your county officials?

(check all that apply)

Answer

- Attend county court
- Submit CHC bylaws
- Submit CHC meeting minutes
- Submit a CHC budget
- Give a CHC treasury report
- Informal meetings with the County Judge
- Informal meetings with County Commissioners
- Provide suggested appointments
- Other

11 Explain why you don't actively communicate with your local county officials.

(10 lines or less)

Text Block :

Definition:

Partnerships:

To develop networks, build alliances, engage in cross-functional activities, collaborate across boundaries and find common ground with a widening range of stakeholders, use contacts to build and strengthen internal support bases.

12 After reading the above definition, which of the following "potential" partner organizations do you have in your county?

(check all that apply)

Answer

City officials

County officials

Nonprofit organizations (heritage group, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Landmark commissions

Museum boards

Cemetery associations

Local historic design/review boards

Main Street managers and/or board members

Tourism organizations

Other

13 Which of these "potential" partner organizations do you partner with?

(check all that apply)

Answer

City officials

County officials

Nonprofit organizations (heritage group, visitor bureau, etc.)

Educational institutions (school districts, community colleges, universities)

Landmark commissions

Museum boards

Cemetery associations

Local historic design/review boards

Main Street managers and/or board members

Tourism organizations

We don't partner with any organizations

Other

14 If you partner, please give brief examples:

(10 lines or less)

15 Do you have incoming revenue or free services provided to your CHC?

Answer

Yes

No

16 How much money and/or what type of services does your county provide?

(10 lines or less)

Meeting space and utilities

17 Other than your county, what other sources do you have and what do they provide?

(10 lines or less)

Balance of \$13,000+

Monthly bank interest

18 How does your CHC manage its money?

(check all that apply)

Answer

County treasury

- Private bank account
- Nonprofit partner
- Other

19 Does your CHC set goals?

Answer

- Yes
- No

20 Does your CHC prioritize goals?

Answer

- Yes
- No

21 Do you have a work plan?

Answer

- Yes
- No

22 How often is the work plan updated?

Text Block :

MEMBERSHIP:

23 How many appointed members does your CHC have?

26

24 How many are male?

15

25 How many are female?

11

26 Please mark all of the ethnicities that are reflected by your CHC's appointed members.

Answer

- Anglo
- African-American
- Hispanic
- Asian-Pacific Islander
- Native American
- Mixed ethnicity
- Other

27 Please mark all of the age ranges that are reflected by your CHC's appointed members.

Answer

- 18-29
- 30-39

- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-69
- 70-79
- 80+

28 Please mark all the county precincts represented by your CHC's appointed members.

- Answer**
- Precinct 1
 - Precinct 2
 - Precinct 3
 - Precinct 4

29 How many non-appointed participants does your CHC have?

0

30 Are these non-appointed participants allowed to vote?

- Answer**
- Yes
 - No

31 How many times a year does your CHC meet?

10

32 Do you have regularly scheduled CHC meetings?

- Answer**
- Yes
 - No
 - Sometimes

33 When are your regularly scheduled meetings?

(10 lines or less)

First Thursday of the month, typically at 2pm but occasionally in the evenings.

34 Do you post meeting notices?

- Answer**
- Yes
 - No
 - Sometimes

35 How do you post meeting notices?

(check all that apply)

- Answer**
- At the courthouse
 - In the newspaper
 - Email participants
 - Other: postcards

36 How far in advance do you post meeting notices?

Answer

1 week

2 weeks

3 weeks

4 weeks

Other

37 How do your CHC bylaws define a quorum?

(10 lines or less)

Members present at a regularly called meeting.

38 Do non-appointed participants count towards your quorum?

Answer

Yes

No

Unsure

39 Does your CHC have an attendance policy?

Answer

Yes

No

Unsure

40 Is the policy in your bylaws?

Answer

Yes

No

Unsure

41 Is the attendance policy adhered to?

Answer

Yes

No

Sometimes

42 Do you gather information regarding the skills, expertise and interests of your appointees and participants?

Answer

Yes

No

43 How do you use the information you gather on the skills, expertise and interests of your appointees and participants?

(10 lines or less)

To help in assigning committees.

44 Do you have any county officials that participate in CHC activities?

Answer

Yes

No

45 In what ways do these county officials participate?

(check all that apply)

Answer

Attend CHC meetings

Attend CHC events

Advocate for preservation

Appointed member

Ex-officio member

Other: historical marker dedications

46 How many volunteer hours did your CHC log in 2008?

(Be sure to include time spent at meetings, events and travel to and from meetings and events)

1,100

47 Do you report your volunteer hours?

Answer

Yes

No

48 To whom do you report your volunteer hours?

(10 lines or less)

49 Do you delegate tasks among participants?

Answer

Yes

No

50 How do you delegate?

(check all that apply)

Answer

Share duties during meetings

Engage participants by using skillsets

Assign tasks and deadlines

Other

51 Do you personally invite non-appointees to CHC meetings and/or functions?

Answer

Yes

No

52 When you invite non-appointees to CHC meetings and/or functions do they come?

Answer

Yes

No

Sometimes

53 Do you recruit new appointees for the CHC?

Answer

- Yes
- No

54 Explain how you recruit new appointees:

(10 lines or less)

Personal contacts.

Text Block :

TRAINING:

55 Do you have a CHC handbook?

Answer

- Yes
- No

56 Do you share CHC handbook information with CHC participants?

Answer

- Yes
- No

57 Do you use the CHC handbook as a teaching tool for CHC participants?

Answer

- Yes
- No

58 Do you use the CHC handbook as a teaching tool for local officials?

Answer

- Yes
- No

59 Do you use the THC web site?

Answer

- Yes
- No

60 Which parts of the THC web site do you use?

(check all that apply)

Answer

- Awards
- Calendar
- Federal/state rules and regulations
- General preservation information
- Grant information

- Heritage tourism
- Historical marker application / information
- Historic sites atlas
- Information requests
- Information on THC programs
- Preservation news
- Publication requests
- Tax credit information
- Other

61 Do you attend THCs annual conference?

Answer

- Yes
- No

62 How many from your CHC usually attend?

1-2

63 Who pays the travel and registration costs?

(10 lines or less)

The CHC reimburses travel and conference costs.

64 What other THC training opportunities has your CHC taken advantage of?

(check all that apply)

Answer

- Archeology steward workshop
- Cemetery workshop
- Grant writing workshop
- Oral history workshop
- Preserve America museum workshop
- Texas Main Street training
- Visionaries in Preservation / Certified Local Government Symposium
- Other

65 Please list any non-THC trainings attended in the last year?
i.e., National Trust, Preservation Texas, etc.

(10 lines or less)

66 Did any of these provide hands-on training for preservation projects?

Answer

- Yes
- No

67 Please list any training sessions or preservation speakers you hosted at your 2008 meetings.

(10 lines or less)

68 Do you communicate with other CHCs to discuss issues and projects?

Answer

Yes

No

69 Do you provide mentoring to other CHCs?

Answer

Yes

No

70 Please list brief examples where your CHC has mentored another CHC.
(10 lines or less)

71 Do experienced CHC appointees train new appointees?

Answer

Yes

No

72 Do you have a formal CHC mentoring process for new appointees?

Answer

Yes

No

Text Block :

CORE PRESERVATION:

73 Are there professional cultural and historic resource surveys of your county?

Answer

Yes

No

Unsure

74 What percentage of your county has been professionally surveyed?

Answer

1-25%

26-50%

51-75%

76-100%

75 When were these surveys last updated?

Answer

Within the last year

2-5 years ago

6-10 years ago

11-20 years ago

20+ years ago

Unsure

76 Do you have inventory lists of any of the following?

(check all that apply)

Answer

- Subject markers
- Museums
- Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks
- State Archeological Landmarks
- National Register designations
- Historic trails
- Covenants
- No, we don't have any inventory lists

77 **If you have inventories, do they list the existing physical conditions?**

Answer

- Yes
- No

78 **How often do you monitor / update these inventories?**

79 **Please mark all parties that are provided a copy of your inventories:**

Answer

- CHC appointees
- County Commissioners
- County Judge
- Texas Historical Commission
- Other

80 **Please mark all of the following items you keep track of in your county:**

Answer

- Under-represented resources
- Under-served subjects
- Endangered properties
- Anticipated / ongoing archeological investigations
- None of the above

81 **Do you provide this information to the THC?**

Answer

- Yes
- No

82 **Do you use this information to prioritize CHC work?**

Answer

- Yes
- No

83 **Are these priorities incorporated into your annual work plan?**

Answer

- Yes
- No

84 **Does your county provide ordinances and/or incentives regarding historic resources?**

Answer

Yes

No

85 Is the CHC involved in administering or commenting on these ordinances and/or incentives?

Answer

Yes

No

86 Briefly explain the CHC's role in your county's ordinances and/or incentives regarding historic resources:

(10 lines or less)

87 Do you understand the difference between the following markers and designations?

Designations:

- National Register of Historic Places
- Recorded Texas Historic Landmark
- State Archeological Landmark
- Historic Texas Cemetery

Markers:

- Subject marker
- Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker
- Historic Texas Cemetery Marker

Answer

Yes

No

Some

88 Do you understand the various levels of protection that come with the following markers and designations?

Designations:

- National Register of Historic Places
- Recorded Texas Historic Landmark
- State Archeological Landmark
- Historic Texas Cemetery

Markers:

- Subject marker
- Recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker
- Historic Texas Cemetery Marker

Answer

Yes

No

Some

89 When deciding which marker or designation to pursue, rank the following items in order of importance.

Ranking(1 =Most Important)

- 1 Level of protection
- 2 The effect the designation will have on future preservation options
- 3 Appropriateness of interpretation
- 4 Cost
- 5 Length of time to complete the process
- 6 Familiar with the process

7 It's what the CHC has done in the past

90 Does your CHC manage, fund or help operate a museum?

Answer

- Yes
- No

91 What percent of CHC volunteer hours are spent on the museum?

Answer

- 1-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%

92 What percent of CHC funds are spent on the museum?

Answer

- 1-20%
- 21-40%
- 41-60%
- 61-80%
- 81-100%

93 Do you use any professional standards of care for your historic resources?

Answer

- Yes
- No

94 Please list the standards you use.
i.e., Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Preservation, American Association of Museums Standards and Best Practices

(10 lines or less)

American Association of Museums Standards and Best Practices.

95 When looking at the annual work generated by your CHC, rank the following items in order of importance.

Ranking(1 =Most Important)

- 1 Balanced interpretation of all historic county resources
- 2 Museum
- 3 Protection of historic resources
- 4 Cemetery preservation
- 5 Subject markers
- 6 Heritage tourism