

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on Thursday, August 12, 2010, in the District Courtroom of the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street in Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Clare Easley served as Secretary.

Members present were: Yvonne J. Beever, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Clare Easley, Margie Fullen, Barbara Glasscock, Ed Landsford, George Meyer, Mickie Ross, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith, Gary Spivey, PJ Stevens, Wayne Ware.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

Guests present: John Christenson. John is photographing individual tombstones to enter on the website “findagrave.com”. He has completed the large cemeteries and is now focusing on small, isolated ones.

The Chair called for review of the June 2010 WCHC minutes. Since the majority of the commissioners had not received the email containing the minutes of June, ratifying these minutes was postponed until the September meeting.

Treasurer’s Report: PJ Stevens presented the Treasures’ report in David Voelter’s absence. Mickie Ross informed the commission that the Williamson Museum will be refunding the WCHC \$200 for over payment of postage. Mickie moved to approve report with these changes, Wayne seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: A donation to the A.M.E. church to assist in their renovation will be placed on the agenda for September. They will be sending a representative to make a presentation to the commission at that time.

New Business: PJ announced that Nelma Wilkinson has resigned and Elsie Waller has requested a status change as an associate member.

Committee Reports:

Infrastructure: P.J. reported on infrastructure projects:

FM 1660 realignment. Because of time constraints, PJ put a sub-committee together on July 16th consisting of PJ, Mickie Ross, Nelma Wilkinson, Larry Rydell, Laura Sue Smith and Barbara Glasscock to discuss the County/TxDoT realignment options. A consensus was formed to support their proposed Alignment B and C, but not A. Comment was reserved on Alignment D as it was unclear as to whether that was still under consideration. It was also requested that care be taken to ensure that the Monodale and Kimbro cemeteries would be taken care of and not destroyed by the alignments. Further info was requested in regards to these two cemeteries. A motion was made by PJ

to accept the committee's recommendations. Seconded by Mickie Ross, no discussion ensued, passed unanimously.

Liberty Hill tower: The commission discussed the proposed 195 foot cell tower on 350 Sunset Ridge in Liberty Hill. It was decided that this tower would not negatively affect any known historic structures. PJ made a motion to approve this tower. Gary Spivey seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

Florence main street project. No formal realignment has yet been presented. PJ was given advance notice that it will be coming soon. Told everyone to be thinking of this until then.

Markers – Mickie reported that Rocky hollow cemetery dedication is to be October. 9, at 10 a.m. where a replacement marker will be set

Markers honoring Tex Avery (Bugs Bunny) and Dan Moody of Taylor have been denied by the THC. They will be re-submitted as soon as possible.

Cemetery – Wayne says he is providing GPS coordinates to help locate graves and has been in discussion w/ TxDot and the County GIS office to create the database and maps. PJ and Wayne met with Judge Gattis to discuss getting County's permission to utilize the County's GIS department.

Oral History – Gary Spivey's committee has not met. Again solicited names of people to be interviewed for oral history. Names suggested were: Wiggie Shell, Carl Lidell, and Lambert Peterson

Membership Outreach – Kandy reported that several bricks have been laid. 9 more bricks will be laid by the city when they have time during the next rain day. A total of 38 have been sold for a total of \$1800. The herringbone pattern in the sidewalk is a problem and makes reading the bricks unattractive. The existing ones will have to be altered upon future installation of the next batch. A sign describing the purpose of the bricks is under consideration including where to place the sign.

Announcements:

Mickie announced that her new job as director of the museum has been finalized. The museum now intends for its exhibits to focus on Williamson County families. She shared her vision for the future of the museum and staffing changes at the museum.

Meeting Adjourned – 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Clare Easley, Secretary