

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on **Thursday, August 2nd, 2007** at the Weir Fire Hall at 450 North FM 1105 in Weir, 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, George Meyer, Ruth Olson, Laura Sue Smith, Mervin Walker, Tommie Walker, Elsie Waller, Wayne Ware, and Nelma Wilkinson.

The chair called the meeting to order at about 2:07 pm.

Bob Brinkman thanked Laura Sue and Coop Smith and Tommie and Mervin Walker for securing the building for the meeting and providing refreshments.

Barbara Meyer noted that the minutes incorrectly attributed her comments regarding the Wilson-Leonard site to Irene Varan. Mervin Walker **moved to approve the minutes** from the previous meeting. Claire Maxwell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Ed Lansford gave the **Treasurer's report**. As of August 2nd, the checking account balance is \$13,437.53.

Old business:

Mervin Walker noted that the new Mankins Crossing marker has been installed in the same location as the old marker. Mervin has the old marker at his house.

New Business:

There was no new business.

Committee reports:

The cemetery committee report was given by David Hollingsworth. A written draft of the report will be attached to the official copy of the minutes. Bob Brinkman noted the Donna Machu would like to apply for a historical marker for Machu Cemetery. Ruth Olson noted that the "new" section of the Palm Valley Lutheran Church Cemetery is almost full or sold. The church is in the process of opening a new section; spaces will be open to anyone at a cost of \$1000 for perpetual care. Nelma Wilkinson remarked about the Citizen's Memorial Cemetery in Georgetown and will follow up with the city to learn about its status.

The museum committee report was given by Ed Lansford. A written draft of the report will be attached to the official copy of the minutes. The County is proposing a new license for the museum, written by Assistant County Attorney Hawes. One of the issues of concern is that the new license would allow the county to revoke use of the Farmer's State Bank building with 90 days notice. Claire Maxwell noted that it will be impossible to get grants with a 90 day notice clause in the license. Claire **moved that the Secretary be directed to write a letter to the County Judge of general support as a fellow organization of preservation**. Mervin Walker seconded. Motion carried.

The marker committee report was given by Bob Brinkman. The marker for St John's Lutheran Church for Thrall is at the foundary. The text for the Daniel Harrison & Corn Hill Cemetery markers has been sent to Chris Dyer for approval. The 2008 official Texas historical marker applications have just gone online and will be accepted from November 1st through January 15th.

The infrastructure committee report was given by David Hollingsworth. A written draft of the report

will be attached to the official copy of the minutes. Claire Maxwell **moved that the Commission's Section 106 representative for the 183A / CR 274 project be directed to provide comments based on the facts.** Tommie Walker seconded. Motion carried. David Hollingsworth **moved that the Commission request to intervene in the ONCOR Hutto-to-Salado CCN application with the Texas Public Utility Commission.** Laura Sue seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Commissioner Announcements:

Claire Maxwell thanked everyone that came to the Dickey Marker dedication in Taylor in June. She also announced that the Taylor streetscape project has started, that TxDOT is putting in new traffic lights in downtown, and in December, the Highway 95 bridge north of Wright Distributing company will be closed for two weeks. She also noted that Texas Heritage Trail came by on Thursday at the Moody Museum and that the Brazos Trail Board association met at the Taylor library.

Mervin Walker announced that Weir is holding its annual street dance on Saturday, September 1st.

Bob Brinkman announced the Sneak Peek of the Courthouse on Friday August 3rd at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$50 each and may be purchased at the county museum. Bob also announced that he plans present price quotes for producing a calendar at the next meeting and that Arcadia books has contacted him to write books about Round Rock and Taylor.

The next meeting of the Commission will be held at about **2pm on Thursday, September 6th, 2007**, at the Walburg Community Center, next to Dale's on FM 972.

The chair called the meeting closed at about 3:16 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

David E Hollingsworth, Secretary
