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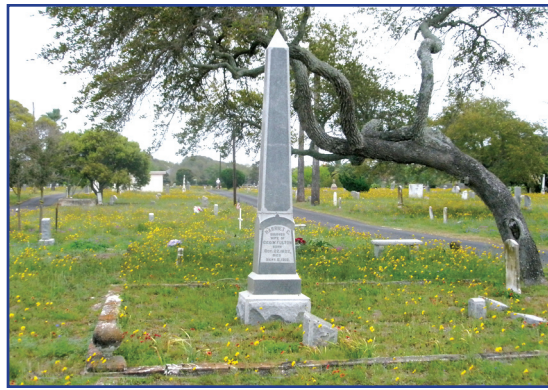
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Lulu's Flowers

Task Force Goals *(Continued from Inside)*

EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION

Richard Dias, chair

- Develop a communication plan for the results of VIP.
- Establish a source for information on incentives, grants and methodology about historic preservation – web site
- Effectively communicate and educate the public on preserving Aransas County history -The Committee is working to refine a section of the web site on www.aransascounty.gov, Historical Commission.



Visionaries in Preservation (VIP) is a state-wide initiative sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission.

VIP was designed

- to assist the community to develop unified preservation goals and action plans,
- to build partnerships among diverse groups and interests,
- to foster preservation leadership, and
- to enhance the capability to secure funding .

Visionaries in Preservation Rockport-Fulton February 2010 Update

The program began in Rockport-Fulton in February of 2009 with a series of public workshops and talks. By September GOALS and 5 TASK FORCES were established. Work by the task forces continues to accomplish those important goals.

VIP GOALS FOR ROCKPORT-FULTON ADOPTED IN SEPTEMBER, 2009

HERITAGE TOURISM

Kam Wagert, chair; Sara Walvoord, vice

- Create historical signage to interpret community stories for public spaces – Historical signage is being developed for several areas – a Tule Creek Trail; city hike and bike trail, and new sidewalks in Fulton.
- Incorporate historical information in signage for community way-finding and gateways – future
- Identify Rockport-Fulton’s “Sense of Place” to establish a strong historic local identity – This has been nurtured through the Christmas Historic Homes tour staged by the Fulton Mansion and the ACHS. Programs for all fourth graders are presented by ACHS and calendars of historic photographs were funded by CHC.
- Assist in promotion of Heritage Tourism for Rockport-Fulton - The Historical Marker Guide by the Pilot is in draft. Articles on historic topics are under consideration. A walking and a driving tour have been available from the Chamber of Commerce.



HISTORIC SURVEY

David Murrah, chair; Marsha Hendrix, vice

- Survey and identify all historic assets in the community – Thirty folks were trained in a workshop led by THC. The teams completed data sheets for the old Rockport neighborhood. After this first survey, other parts of the county will be targeted.
- Utilize survey of historic assets to initiate the creation of new historic districts – for the future based on survey results

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

Eileen Bonner, chair

- Develop a campaign for the redevelopment of historic property to encourage investment and business development - Some property owners met with staff from THC for recommendations about renovations. A brochure will outline the benefits of historic properties – target buyers through the local realtors association.
- Support viability of local businesses – see above
- Increase the community’s involvement downtown – events on the Chamber of Commerce calendar.
- Implement a local transportation system to provide easy access for tourists and residents to R-F area attractions-future



PUBLIC POLICY

Roberta Sherer, chair

- Assist with design guidelines – City of Rockport has engaged a preservation planning group to develop guidelines for the Heritage District based on earlier work by RHDA and a City guidelines committee.
- Review and support ordinances for historic preservation – City ordinances were reviewed; future ordinances may address historic preservation.
- Initiate a plan for a local history museum or heritage park - A Committee has been formed to develop a plan.
- Assist with planning new courthouse or rehab of historic courthouse – The VIP committee receives updates from the County.
- Research and recommend financial incentives for preservation – future

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