

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)

August 3, 2010 – Minutes

August 3, 2010, 4:30 PM meeting was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairman Pam Wheat-Stranahan presided.**

Commissioners Present: Diane Dupnik, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison, Dora McKelvey, Jay Pace, Sally Reynolds, Ann Schick, Jackie Shaw, Linda Valdez, Janie White, and Asa Yeamans.

Also present as Mr. Danny Morton

Commissioners Not Present: Bubba Casterline, Carolyn Cauley, Richard Dias, and Thom Elliott

A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of May 11, 2010, were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

Asa presented a Spreadsheet of income and expenses through July 31, 2010, and Pam provided explanation of accounting summary (both attached). The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

Executive—Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Pam reported that she turned in to Mike Henry at the City of Rockport four applications for Windstorm Exemptions. The Texas Historical Commission monitors landmark houses, and it is an open-ended process to apply. Letters have been received from the Texas Historical Commission regarding the Bergan house and the Hunts property.

Preservation and Public Policy—Janie White

Janie reported that Ernie Stovall came to see her and indicated he would like to have his house and property used for historical purposes. He already owns the Woods property on 203 Magnolia and would be agreeable to moving the 910 Concho house on his property. It could be a public-oriented facility to house the Historical Society and Commission. A history would need to be completed for county residents, costs would have to be calculated, and a timeline for feasibility would need to be researched. The Aransas County Historical Society moved and passed a motion supporting a feasibility study for the Woods House/910 Concho property project. This is a Joint Project of the ACHS & ACHC. (See attachment).

Historical Markers—Sandy Garrison

Sandy reported on the progress of the on-going markers for the Marine Lab and the Cedars as well as the others under consideration to include Mills Wharf/Sea Gun, and also a Brundrett home at 1028 N. Live Oak (Janet Taylor is working on this one).

Finance and Budget—Asa Yeamans

A discussion was held on proposed and actual budgets.

Collections—Sally Reynolds

Sally reported that oral history tapes from the vault needed to be transcribed and asked for volunteers. She requests a sub-committee of five into three groups to coordinate efforts on the cataloguing of memorabilia. Asa reported on accepting and placing in storage Dr. Woods' house collection (from when he closed his office in '95 and from his estate).

Public Relations—Carolyn Cauley

Although Carolyn was not present, everyone was reminded of Rockport's 140th birthday anniversary coming up on the 13th at the Saltwater Pavilion.

OLD BUSINESS

Ann Schick is spearheading efforts on refurbishing seven old markers in downtown Rockport to coincide with the City's anniversary—Ace Hardware donated supplies and anyone wishing to help should report next Wednesday promptly at 8:30 am and bring water.

The Visionaries in Preservation program has continued to move forward on goals established last year, and the various task forces continue to meet. The most active group has been Heritage Tourism, whose first heritage sign was recently erected at Historic Shellcrete Square, a project of the LAC class XIV. Notes from the VIP Task Force Chairs are attached.

NEW BUSINESS

Pam discussed the most recent endangered property—St. Peter’s Church, and the Commission moved and passed to send a letter.

Danny Morton talked about his house (originally the R.P. Bracht house) built in 1890 and was most concerned that it is located where the new Courthouse would be built. After much discussion on the matter, Linda Garcia suggested that he contact Bubba Casterline to voice his concerns and see if there could be a resolution of his problem.

New Members for 2011 were briefly discussed with concerns being voiced that Pam, Janie, Linda V., and Asa were all going off. The group felt that perhaps they should be kept on in some form of consulting and/or advising capacity as their loss would be quite detrimental to the Commission. This will be up for further discussion along with new members and term limitations at the next meeting.

Pam announced that the next meetings of the ACHC would be held September 28, 2010, and November 16, 2010, at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia
Linda Garcia, Secretary