

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
January 19, 2010 – Minutes

January 19, 2010, 4:00 PM meeting was held in the Conference Room of IBC Bank on Highway 35, Rockport, Texas. **Chairman Linda Valdez presided.**

Commissioners Present: Bubba Casterline, Linda Garcia, Carol Keller, Jay Pace, Sally Reynolds, Jackie Shaw, Roberta Sherer, Pam Wheat-Stranahan, Janie White, and Asa Yeamans

Commissioner Not Present: Phil Albin, Richard Dias, and Jay Tarkington
A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of November 18, 2009, were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

The 2009 Budget of \$4,680.00 was spent, and the expense sheet is attached.

The 2010 Budget of \$6,300.00 (attached) was approved by the Aransas County Commissioners Court.

The Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) has \$2,122.91 of ACHC funds for immediate/emergency needs.

Chairman's Report – Linda Valdez

There were eight exceptional candidates for the 2010 Commission. Linda Garcia made a motion to choose six. It was seconded and passed. The Commission nominee names will be sent to the Commissioners Court on January 27th for approval. They are: **Carolyn Cauley, Diane Dupnik, Thom Elliott, Sandy Garrison, Dora McKelvey**-Art Center Representative, and **Ann Schick.**

Deferred nominees that will be considered for next year are: Gwynn Lumpkin and Janet Taylor.

Chairman Valdez thanked the outgoing members--Phil Albin, Carol Keller, Jim Smarr, and Jay Tarkington, and the remaining Commissioners for their time and volunteer service to the ACHC.

Also, the Chairman gave recognition to the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) for their assistance/cooperation working with the ACHC in making the **Visionaries in Preservation (VIP)** a success.

The 2009 ACHC accomplishments:

1. VIP 5-year historical preservation plan
2. ACHC By-Laws updated
3. MOA finalized with ACHS
4. The **Woman's Club Marker** approved and dedicated
5. Windstorm Exception Program initiated
6. Began discussion of a Rockport/Fulton museum
7. Most importantly--full support of the Commissioners in these endeavors

The 2010 Officers (term begins February 1, 2010) were nominated, and a motion made by Sally Reynolds to accept the slate. It was seconded and passed.

Chairman – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Vice-Chair - Roberta Sherer

Secretary - Linda Garcia

Treasurer - Asa Yeamans

Historical Marker Program – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

The 2010 markers are set – the applications are in Austin and the fees paid. The buildings are:

Fulton Community Church – 215 N. 3rd St., Fulton

Adolph Bracht House – 409 N. Magnolia, Rockport

The Marine Lab is considering a marker in the next three years.

VIP Update – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Report from the January 18th meeting of the Task Force Chairs is attached.

OLD BUSINESS

Fulton Records – Sally Reynolds

Sally is coordinating the City of Fulton with the State Retention Center in Austin to back up Fulton's records.

ACHC Web Site – Linda Garcia

The county site is getting updated. ACHC has an opportunity to have their own site with info such as: THC links, VIP updates, marker application and current marker list, and other info. **Web Site Committee** includes: **Linda Garcia, Roberta Sherer, Linda Valdez, and Pam Wheat-Stranahan.**

Chamber Letter of Interest – Linda Valdez

The Chamber asked the Commission to partner with them for a Visitor's Center/Museum Exhibits. The letter was written and forwarded to Brian Olson, Chair of the Board, and a copy is attached.

Convention Center Survey – Bubba Casterline

The Convention Center Survey suggested that the location should be near the water at the end of Market Street with a host hotel next door. There are many ideas being discussed and nothing decided at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

910 Concho House – Linda Valdez

The County Commissioners purchased the house and has offered it to ACHC. Tom Staley, Director of City Parks, will work with us to develop plans for the building. A **Task Force** was formed consisting of six ACHS and six ACHC members. The **ACHC members** are: **Roberta Sherer, Linda Valdez, and Asa Yeamans.**

Texas Proclamation – Roberta Sherer

Senator Hegar sent ACHC a Proclamation for procuring a Historical Marker for the Women's Club. Linda Garcia took charge of the document.

Pilot Marker Guide – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

The Pilot, newspaper, has up dated the list of the Aransas County Markers. Sponsors (\$250.00/ad) are needed to publish the guide. Pam Wheat-Stranahan made a motion for ACHC to be a \$250.00 sponsor. The motion was seconded and passed. Our sponsor will be The Marion Packing Company on Fulton Beach Road and Chaparral Street, Fulton page.

Windstorm Exception for Historical Properties - Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Mary Lou Eckerdt @ 1229 S. Church Street, Rockport, a 1909 house, is the first application for the exception. Pam Wheat-Stranahan made a motion to send the application to Austin. It was seconded and approved.

Cemetery Markers – Janie White

There needs to be Texas Historical Markers in the area cemeteries. The issue will be investigated.

Linda Garcia, ACHC liaison to [Aransas First](#), will attend their first meeting on January 20th.

Sally Reynolds thanked Linda Valdez for being 2009 ACHC Chairman. The remaining Board joined in with their appreciative comments. *It was a pleasure to serve with Linda and ACHC accomplished a lot while the meetings were organized and to the point. It was a very good year. Thank you, Linda.*

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Sherer

Roberta Sherer, Secretary