

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

**Commissioners present:** Jerry Brundrett, Sherri Collins, Sandy Garrison, Mike Geer, June Gregory, Barbara Gurtner, Linda Garcia Haynes, Gail Johnston, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson

**Commissioners absent:** Sandra Bridges, Veronika Camehl, Betty Collier (ill), Pat Rousseau, Janet Taylor, and Betty Stiles

**Guests Present:** None

1. Chair Pam Stranahan called the meeting at the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. No guests were present.
3. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** None
4. **Minutes**—Linda Garcia Haynes  
*Minutes of the regular meeting of May 9, 2018, were distributed and approved as read after a motion from Mike Geer and a second from Jerry Brundrett.*

5. **Treasurer's Report**—Carol Thompson  
ACHC budget for 2018 is \$10,000. The ACHC spent \$1,165 in August at the end of which the account has \$7,149.25 remaining.  
*Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Linda Haynes and a second by June Gregory.*

6. **Committee Reports/Action Items:**

A) **Executive**—Pam Stranahan/Mike Geer/Linda Garcia Haynes/Carol Thompson

- 1) Pam reported on the town meeting about RCA/Kline's building and thanked everyone for their support. She prepared and read a letter offering, on behalf of the ACHC, assistance to the Rockport Center for the Arts (RCA) by researching and submitting nominations that can leverage economic development tools for preservation of the 106 S. Austin Street (old Kline's Café) Building. The ACHC can nominate the building for a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark Designation and nominate the building for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. These designations would qualify the RCA to request tax credits which are negotiable and grant funding for repairs to the historic building. The ACHC will also continue to develop and sustain heritage tourism. Advocacy for historic preservation is and has always been part of the goal of the ACHC. She gave a copy of the letter to the RCA Board President, Mayor Rios and John Strothman (Project Manager). Several questions were raised, and Pam discussed the process of landmark designation as it applies to the RCA who pulled Kline's building out of the grant application.
- 2) Pam received a text message from Veronika Camehl wherein she wishes to resign due to other demands on her time.

*A Motion was made by Gail Johnston and seconded by Linda Haynes to accept the Veronika's resignation.*

B. **Preservation and Public Policy**—Pam Stranahan/Barbara Gurtner/Pat Rousseau

- 1) Pam reported that Luke was working on the 2009 historic resources survey. Barbara brought up a problem in a residential area where one homeowner had placed poles for a house on stilts which is not in keeping with the rest of the homes and wondered if something could be done. Pam explained some details on designating a portion of a residential subdivision as a heritage district and that a percentage of all the properties have to be historic to go forward, so probably there would not be much one could do.
- 2) Pam discussed the Revised HIM (Harvey Irma Maria) Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund for Aransas County for: a) Fulton Cemetery; b) Rockport School (also submitted by ACISD); c) Rockport Cemetery; d) Bracht Building; e) San Antonio & Aransas Pass Railroad Depot; f) Marion Packing Company; g) Fulton Mansion State Historic Site (THC); and h) Kline's Building at 106 S. Austin St. (previously submitted by Kim Foutz, LTR team).

- C. Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Sandy Garrison/Janet Taylor/Mike Geer/Barbara Gurtner/Veronika**
- 1) Sandy Garrison reported that the Heldenfels Marker that had been hit by a car and was in storage needed a welder to put back on the pole—Mike Geer will contact a welder he knows.
  - 2) The replacement marker for Frandolig Island will have to wait for the bridge work to be done. There will be no re-dedications since all three (R.R. Depot, Port Bay, Frandolig Island) are just replacement markers.
  - 3) 2019 Marker Nominations:  
The Sea Shell Shop built in 1945 and owned by ACND with tenant—subject marker; the Sorenson House (Janie White); the Shivers House; the Bracht Building owned by Ron Myers and who has requested a subject marker; Ben Garza—the first President of LuLac (CC) and first Hispanic graduate of Rockport High School—would qualify as an “undertold story” for a subject marker; Rock from Rocky Point (needs preservation since it has been underwater);  
Sandy said the Rec Center at Goose Island State Park indicated they did not want a marker.
- D. Public Relations/Outreach—Carol Thompson/Gail Johnston, Sherri Collins, Betty Collier**
- 1) Facebook—No report.
  - 2) A Proclamation for Archeology Month (October) will be presented to Commissioners’ Court at its meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Collections—Pam Stranahan/Carol Thompson/Sandy Garrison/Linda Garcia Haynes/Gail Johnston/Sherri Collins**  
A full set of oral history tapes has been completed and 26 tapes (about ¼) have not been transferred to CD’s which needs to be done before sending off. Sherri will check with someone who might be willing to do it.
- F. Cemeteries—Sandra Gregory Bridges/June Gregory/Jerry Brundrett/Janet Taylor**  
No Report
- 7. Old Business –**  
None
- 8. New Business –**
- 1) Pam talked about the possibility of a new marker guide for the Sesquicentennial celebration which everyone agreed would be a great idea. There have been at least ten more markers dedicated since the first guide came out. Would be nice to have it printed on better paper. Need to work with the Pilot who coordinated the previous guide.
  - 2) Pam talked briefly about the new Archeology Exhibit opening at the History Center on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 3) Jerry and Barbara brought up the 1970 Time Capsule placed at the destroyed City Hall which needs to be removed prior to its demolition.
- 9. Next ACHC Meeting Date and Time:** Next meeting will be November 5, 2018, at 5:15 pm.
- 10. Adjournment:**  
*There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm after a motion from Linda and a second from Mike.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Linda Garcia Haynes*, Secretary