

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
May 11, 2010 – Minutes

May 11, 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: Bubba Casterline, Carolyn Cauley, Diane Dupnik, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison, Dora McKelvey, Sally Reynolds, Ann Schick, Janie White, and Asa Yeamans.

Also present as Ms. Mariana Mota of the **Friends of Historical San Antonio Cemetery, Corporation**

Commissioners Not Present: Richard Dias, Thom Elliott, Jay Pace, Jackie Shaw, and Linda Valdez.

A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of March 23, 2010, were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

Asa presented a Spreadsheet of income and expenses through April 30, 2010 (attached). Linda Garcia reported on upcoming budget. A budget planning meeting will be called in early June. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

Executive—Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Pam reported that the Executive Committee had met on April 12, 2010, regarding grant proposals for purchasing historic signage to go along the hike and bike trail in Aransas County. These proposals would be submitted on behalf of the VIP Heritage Tourism Task Force through the Aransas County Historical Society, and foundations applied to would include The O'Connor-Hewitt Foundation, Margaret Sours, the Margaret Sue Rust Foundation, Texas Historical Foundation and Texas Historical Commission—Tropical Trails Coastal Bend Communities Foundation.

Pam reported on the meeting held May 3, 2010, with the Hunts—owners of the Fulton Bruhl House. The commissioners present approved sending a letter to the Texas Historical Commission on behalf of the Hunts in an effort to help in resolving all issues remaining on restoration of the Hunts' property.

Mrs. Mariana Mota and another gentleman were present and reported on their formation of a corporation (**Friends of San Antonio Cemetery, Inc.**) in order to be able to act on behalf of the **Cemetario San Antonio**. Mrs. Mota has worked extensively on graves and locations and has found many irregularities and inconsistencies. In particular, she has problems with the historical survey—acreage—plats versus plots There was some discussion on the process for changing the marker. She will keep the Commissioners advised on this ongoing matter.

Preservation and Public Policy—Janie White

Janie presented her report from the 910 Concho Committee meeting—possibly having it moved and turning it into a museum. ACHS newsletter will ask for support as task is too large for the Society alone. She talked with the Hunts who offered help and they were invited to upcoming meeting to present ideas and go from there. One suggestion was maybe having it moved to the old city hall property.

Collections—Sally Reynolds

Sally made a trip through the vault with Pam and Janie. The cataloguing of memorabilia certainly is a doable project but volunteers will be needed. She will form a committee to coordinate efforts to get this started.

Historical Markers—Sandy Garrison

Sandy is following up on a marker for Mills Wharf and the Marine Lab (TPWD). Other properties under consideration are 1028 N. Live Oak, the Cedars Cottages at 1203 S. Water Street. Blevins Channel and the old Western Auto were also suggested. The next meeting of the Historical Markers Committee will be May 27, 2010.

Finance and Budget—Asa Yeamans

Linda Garcia stated that the 2011 budget preparation deadline is approaching. A meeting will be held in June.

Public Relations—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn reported on markers needing refurbishing as a prelude to the City’s 140th birthday anniversary. The 4H group may be interested. Ace Hardware has agreed to donate supplies for three crews. The Hoopes House is a definite, and the Delmar Hotel is a maybe. Ann reported that she had been unable to get any commitment from the Boy Scouts. Much needed to get done before the August celebration which will be held on Friday, August 13th at the Saltwater Pavilion. Families of past mayors will be acknowledge at the party and there is a picture project of past mayors as well. Watch your emails for further information.

OLD BUSINESS

THC Conference—Janie White

Janie reported on the recent Texas Historical Commission Conference which was very production. There were two sessions—one on historical markers and one on cemetery law. ACHC will include registration in the budget for next year for several commissioners to attend.

Pam reported that the THC publication ‘The Medallion’ is available online.

Pam reported that the ACHS hopes to have oral histories available soon.

Carolyn Cauley was appointed **Vice Chairman** for the remainder of the year to replace Roberta Sherer.

NEW BUSINESS

The motion was made, seconded, and passed to present a letter of commendation for Mayor Pearson for his pasts support and present it to his party to be held on May 15th.

Pam announced that the next meetings of the ACHC would be held September 21, 2010, and November 16, 2010, at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia
Linda Garcia, Secretary