

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Commissioners present: Sandra Gregory Bridges, Jerry Brundrett, Geoff Bywater, Veronika Camehl, June Gregory, Kathie Gribble, Linda Garcia Haynes, Collin Jackson, Gail Johnston, Letha Kieffer, Cassandra Perkins, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Geoff Bywater (illness), Betty Collier (out of town)

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.
2. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** There were none.
3. **Minutes—Linda Garcia Haynes**
After a motion by Betty Stiles and a second by Sandy Bridges, the minutes of the regular meeting of June 1, 2016, were unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report—Letha Kieffer**
Letha reported a current balance of \$6,974.00. There was discussion on the \$1,000 Historic Resources Survey Invoice which should be paid by FHC. New Budget for 2017 of \$10,000 will be approved at Commissioners Court on Monday, September 12, 2016.
Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Veronika Camehl and a second by Collin Jackson.
5. **Appointment of Noniminations Committee:**
June Gregory, Cassandra Perkins, Betty Stiles, and Carol Thompson were appointed to the Nominations Committee to recommend both new members and commission officers for next year. (Members that must go off in 2017 include Collin Jackson, Letha Kieffer, and Betty Stiles although Betty and Collin will remain on as Advisors).
There was discussion on possible new members to contact including: Alma Cartwright, Kam Wagert, Cheryl Matloch, Meceal LaBerge, and Lucille Ruiz.
6. **Review Committees/Members:**
The following committee members and chairs were assigned as follows:
 - Executive—**President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer
 - Preservation & Public Policy—**Kathie Gribble, Cassandra Perkins, Pam Stranahan(chair)
 - Historical Markers/Endangered Properties—**Geoff Bywater, Collin Jackson, Cassandra Perkins, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan(chair), Carol Thompson
 - Finance & Budget—**Linda Garcia Haynes, Letha Keiffer(chair), Betty Stiles, Carol Thompson
 - Public Relations/Outreach—**Jerry Brundrett, Veronika Camehl, Gail Johnston, Cassandra Perkins(chair), Carol Thompson
 - Collections—**None at this time
 - Ad Hoc Committee: Cemeteries—**Sandra Gregory Bridges(chair), Jerry Brundrett, Veronika Camehl, June Gregory, Betty Stiles
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Executive—Carol Thompson**
No report at this time.
 - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan/Cassandra Perkins**
Pam Stranahan discussed procedure for obtaining Windstorm Exemption for historic homes (must be 50+ years and eligible and qualify). Historic home applications go to City Planning with the files in case of disaster, wherein those properties are exempted from FEMA demolition.

C. Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Collin Jackson/Cassandra Perkins/Betty Stiles/Pam Stranahan/Carol Thompson

Betty Stiles met with TxDOT to relocate marker. TxDOT met with Environmental Group and recommended moving marker on Maribou marker to west side of Business 35 as you go to old fishing pier and they want crews to move it before end of year. Jerry Brundrett made another suggestion for placement of marker (where the Jacks property is). We would need easement for another property to place marker.

Wait for Airport and Casterline markers which should be in soon.

Collin will talk with Larry Pearce or Steve Hadley regarding the Shell Ridge Road marker.

June Gregory discussed the last dedication at the cemetery.

After a motion by Pam Stranahan and a second by Linda Garcia Haynes, the narrative for the Wood House RTHL marker was approved to be sent in to THC.

D. Finance and Budget—Letha Kieffer/Betty Stiles/Carol Thompson

No report at this time.

E. Public Relations/Outreach—Jerry Brundrett/Veronika Camehl/Cassandra Perkins

Cassandra reported 148% increase in views on facebook with 116 likes. Twitter—36.

F. Collections

No report at this time.

G. Cemeteries—June Gregory/Sandra Gregory Bridges/Jerry Brundrett/Veronika Camehl/Betty Stiles

No report at this time.

8. Review Survey Information:

Pam and Cassandra reported that Angelie had thus far worked on the surveys 60 hours and was paid (\$600+) and two(2) of thirteen(13) books were now completed.

9. Old Business:

Cassandra discussed Big Blue Crab donation—picture was in today's issue of the Pilot. Need letter written to Art Center regarding Kline's Building (Winery on the Bay tenant)

10. New Business:

No new business at this time.

11. Next Meeting Date and Time:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 5:15 at the History Center.

12. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Garcia Haynes and seconded by Letha Kieffer at 6:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Garcia Haynes, Secretary