

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
June 27, 2012 – Minutes

June 27, 2012 Meeting convened at 4:38 pm and was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairman Carolyn Cauley presided.**

Commissioners Present: Carolyn Cauley, Kathy David, Greg Harlan, Marsha Hendrix, Dora McKelvey, Sally Reynolds, and Janet Taylor. **Commission Advisors Present:** Pam Stranahan, Jackie Shaw and Janie White.

Commissioners Not Present: Jack Chaney, Melissa Daylong, Diane Dupnik, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison and Gwynn Lumpkin.

A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of April 24, 2012 were approved as amended. Motion to approve by Dora McKelvey and seconded by Janet Taylor.

The President, Carolyn Cauley announced that Commissioner Melissa Daylong has resigned and will be leaving Rockport. It will be necessary to fill her vacancy as soon as possible and suggestions for a replacement will be accepted.

The Treasurer's Report – Dora McKelvey

Dora gave a brief explanation of the current year's budget. She explained that there is still plenty of money in the account. Marsha Hendrix made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Sally Reynolds. At this time, Dora went over the budget for fiscal year 2013. It was noted that the Texas Historical Commission will be limiting the number of Historical Markers that are awarded this next year and there will also be an increase in the price for the markers. Dora made a motion that the budget be approved and Kathy seconded the motion. The President suggested in 2014 that the Commission might want to think of another project other than the calendar that would pertain exclusively to the Commission. There was a general consensus that the calendar was a very good project and should be maintained, but there was a possibility that the Commission could meet with the teachers in the school district and come up with another project as well. Included in the budget was a line item for a workshop with other entities on Tourism. After some discussion on the workshop idea Dora made a motion to amend the budget to change that line item to "conservation of artifacts" and Kathy made a motion to second the amendment. The motion was unanimously adopted.

Committee Reports

Executive—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn presented a newspaper article relating to 3 local students from Rockport-Fulton Middle School who were going to the National History Day competition in Washington D. C. in June. She thought it would be appropriate that the Commission should give them some sort of recognition. It was decided that we would work on that this summer. It was also discussed that the Commission purchase a 10x10 name-dropped canopy. Marsha made a motion that the Commission make the purchase with a price limit of no more than \$300.00. Dora seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted. Carolyn gave a brief update on the historical marker projection for Sandy who was unable to attend the meeting. As previously noted that there would be fewer markers awarded, the cost would be increased and that the Commissioners should be more involved in the dedication of the markers. Jackie suggested that all Commissioners should come and to encourage them to bring friends. With the purchase of the new canopy the Commission will have more visibility at dedications and there was discussion on how best to set up and secure the canopy and utilize it at these functions. A committee with Jack and Jackie will be working on this concept.

Preservation and Public Policy-Janet Taylor

Janet reported that the site plan for the History Center for Aransas County was ready and the movers will be ready in approximately 5 days.

Public Relations-Gwynn Lumpkin

No report

Collections-Sally Reynolds and Carolyn Cauley

Sally reported that the Collections Committee had met twice in May. Also that the Commission and the Historical Society had been jointly working on determining ownership of various items in the Vault. This project has been completed and determination of ownership has been documented whenever possible. There was discussion if the Memorandum of Agreement between the Commission and the Historical Society should be renewed when it expires at the end of the year. It was pointed out that this MOA did not just cover collections. It was decided that the Commission would wait until September and rethink the possibility of renewing the agreement. The Committee also discussed allowing the Friends of the History Center to use the Commission vault to store any donations made to the History Center until the Center is moved and useable. Janet made a motion to allow the History Center to use the vault and Greg seconded the motion. It was unanimously adopted.

Other Liaison Reports:

Aransas Pathways—Pam gave a brief report on Pathways. She is also writing a series of articles to be published in “Texas Now” on the Pathways project.

Aransas First-Linda Garcia-no report

There was no other old or new business to discuss.

Carolyn announced the next meeting of ACHC would be held July 17, 2012, at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Reynolds, acting Secretary