

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
April 24, 2012 – Minutes

April 24, 2012 Meeting convened at 4:30 pm and was held in the History Lab, Room 15, of the old Rockport School. **Chairwoman Cauley presided.**

Commissioners Present: Jack Chaney, Kathy David, Melissa Daylong, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison, Greg Harlan, Marsha Hendrix, Gwynn Lumpkin, Dora McKelvey, Sally Reynolds, and Janet Taylor. Commission Advisors Present: Pam Stranahan.

Commissioners Not Present: Diane Dupnik.
A Quorum was declared.

Minutes --Motion to approve Minutes of January 17, 2012, was made by Melissa Daylong, seconded by Janet Taylor and carried without objection.

Treasurer's Report – Dora McKelvey

Dora gave a brief update on the Treasurer's Report. Balance remaining in budget as of March 31st--\$6,651.08. Motion to approve made by Sally Reynolds, seconded by Linda Garcia and carried without objection.

Committee Reports

Executive—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn discussed the differential in donations to County and History Center and the need of a MOA between ACHC and Friends of the History Center for Aransas County by the end of the year. Friends of History Center still working on 501c(3).

Jack reiterated his volunteering to keep record of hours if we email him at: gfalls.hunter@gmail.com.

Carolyn advised that a Proclamation for Preservation Month would be forthcoming.

Preservation and Public Policy--Pam Wheat Stranahan

Pam reported on the status of the Bruhl-Paul-Johnson House—awaiting results of the rebids. Aransas Pathways will pay for a person to help a few hours a week at the History Center. Jack questioned donated items—what items do we want and which entity/individual will have authority to make decisions. Marsha discussed Fulton Mansion's Collection Policy. The History Center will focus on items solely related to Aransas County History and each entity's collection committees will meet to work an agreement out.

Historical Markers--Sandy Garrison

Sandy gave a handout and reported on the status of the pending markers. We are still waiting for text from the Texas Historical Commission. Two of them, Cedars and the Marine Lab, should be ready before summer's end for sure and the rest hopefully before year's end. Sandy also reported that we need to submit our new marker applications before Fall, and suggested that the Live Oak Heights area would be a good area to look at. A markers committee meeting was scheduled for May 3rd at 9:30 am.

Public Relations--Gwynn Lumpkin

Gwynn gave a brief website report. Mission Statement needs to be updated.

Collections--Sally Reynolds

Sally reported that the old Treasurer's ledgers were given back to County Treasurer and the old ACISD ledgers were returned to the Tax Office. She showed everyone the preserved Civil War Letters which will now go into the vault. Carrabba Conservation (obtained from Blackland Museum) did the preservation work which was exceptional. A collections committee meeting for May 2nd at 9:30 am was scheduled.

Other Liaison Reports:

Aransas First—Linda briefly reported on and handed out copy of the Minutes from the Annual Organizational Meeting held on February 13th.

Aransas Pathways—Pam discussed the business showcase being held on Thursday evening at Paws & Taws.

Friends of the History Center—Kathy reported that three bids in connection with the move of the Bruhl-Paul-Johnson House had been received so far. The next meeting was scheduled for May 7th at 5:00 pm. A landscape plan for the house was discussed and will be developed.

Other Business: Janet reported that the ACHS was 25 years old and applications to join were available on website. Marsha reported on student presentation of calendars and read several letters received from students about them. One student even wanted an interview.

Carolyn announced the next meeting of ACHC would be held July 17, 2012, at 4:30 pm. Motion made by Sally and seconded by Dora to adjourn—time: 5:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia, Secretary