

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
November 16, 2010 – Minutes

September 28, 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: Carolyn Cauley, Diane Dupnik, Linda Garcia, Sandy Garrison, Dora McKelvey, Sally Reynolds, Ann Schick, Jackie Shaw, Linda Valdez, Janie White, and Asa Yeamans.

Commissioners Not Present: Bubba Casterline, Richard Dias, Thom Elliott,
A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of September 28, 2010, were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

Asa discussed outstanding bills, including reimbursement of VIP expenses and markers and \$100 application fee for Mills Wharf—approximately \$1,784 in receipts to turn in. The upcoming budget was briefly discussed after which the Treasurer's Report was approved.

Committee Reports

Executive—Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Pam still needs everyone to complete the forms showing estimated volunteer hours to report to the Texas Historical Commission.

Pam briefly reported on the **National Historical Trust for Preservation Conference** in Austin she attended in October.

Preservation and Public Policy—Janie White

After briefly reporting on developments at the October 19th meeting, Janie reported that there will be a another meeting on November 22nd at 4:00 pm to decide how to get things going and how to handle the history center feasibility study project. It will not be a public meeting—just seeking a co-chair for this committee.

Historical Markers—Sandy Garrison

The Executive Committee approved applications for the **Brundrett House** and **Mills Wharf** (by itself) markers, and they were submitted to THC. Pam suggested writing the THC Markers Department to determine where the others stand—Fulton Community Church and Bracht House. ACHC will apply for a total of four markers in 2011.

Public Relations—Carolyn Cauley

Carolyn is continuing to work on updating our website and will get with Linda Garcia at some point. A link for local historical resources was briefly discussed.

Collections—Sally Reynolds

Sally reported that she heard back from the State Library, and it was determined that the monetary value of the collection of law books (Texas Supreme Court Cases from 1846-1913) would be \$1,300. They are in excellent condition. The ACHC approved authorizing Sally to place an ad in the Texas Bar Journal to sell the set and also authorized Linda Garcia to place them for sale on ebay.

Sally also talked with the State regarding stored records—again, all are permanent documents/records that have to be maintained in a climate-controlled environment and the repository (either the County or ACHC) must make preservation records available to the public. The ACHC passed a motion to return records back to the appropriate county office.

A “show and tell” was held to determine what to do with various miscellaneous items in storage. Some will be donated to appropriate individuals or organizations and other will be sold. A few items will be kept with ACHC.

Other Liaison Reports

Linda Garcia reported that the next meeting of **Aransas First** is tomorrow, November 17, 2010, and she will update ACHC at its next meeting in January of 2011.

Pam reported on the **Aransas Pathways Project** (fka Green Corridor Partners)—a countywide project to establish and develop hike and bike trails, birding sites and a nature center to be called the “**Connie Hagar Conservation Center**” and located at a convenient central point in the county to facilitate activities of out-of-town visitors. Pam discussed proposing something close to Shellcrete Center with markers for trails. The venue tax proposal was discussed for this project. Another site to include in the AP Project include 910 Concho.

OLD BUSINESS

Markers

Ann reported that 5 more markers were refurbished with the 4-H group (for community service day). We definitely want to keep that connection.

Visionaries in Preservation

Pam suggested that anyone or any organization that needs speakers and a power-point presentation for the **VIP** program need to contact her. This would provide the best continuing coverage.

2011 Membership

The Commission approved new members for 2011 to include: Marsha Hendrix, Janet Taylor, Gwynn Lumpkin, Howard Murph, and Kathy David. Term limitations and officers will be decided at the January meeting. Bubba, Pam and Janie will remain on the Commission in an advisory capacity only with no voting rights.

NEW BUSINESS

A letter was discussed—property where tower to be built not historically relevant. No action taken.

ACHS Fall Program event set for November 18, 2010.

The next THC Conference in Austin next year was briefly discussed.

Pam announced that the next meeting of the ACHC would be held January 11, 2011, at 4:30 pm. The 2011 appointments to ACHC will be approved at the Commissioners’ Court meeting to be held on January 10, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Garcia
Linda Garcia, Secretary