

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 19, 2016

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

Commissioners absent: Sandra Gregory Bridges (out of town), Jerry Brundrett (out of town), Gail Johnston (out of town)

Guests present: Mike Geer, Airport Manager

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 Cassandra Perkins, minutes of the regular meeting of September 7, 2016, were unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report—Letha Kieffer**
Letha reported a current balance of \$6,674.00 at the end of November. There was discussion on how to spend the remaining budget, and it was suggested that three markers could be prepaid.
After a motion by Linda Garcia Haynes and a second by Betty Collier, the decision to prepay three(3) markers for 2017 was unanimously approved.
Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Collin Jackson and a second by Betty Stiles.
5. **Report of Nominations Committee (June Gregory/Cassandra Perkins/Betty Stiles/Carol Thompson):**
(Members that must go off in 2017 include Geoff Bywater, Collin Jackson, Letha Kieffer, and Betty Stiles although Betty will remain on as Commissioners' Court Liaison and Advisor and Collin will remain on as an Advisor).
Mike Geer and Kam Wagert have already agreed to become commissioners. Steve Carlton, Fayenell Harrell, and Janet Taylor will be contacted to see whether they would be interested in coming on the Board.
6. **Plans for Dedication for Historical Marker—Air Force Station at the Airport:**
Betty Stiles reported that the dedication was set for February 7, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Airport. She had worked hard to prepare the invitation, the program, and the brochure, all of which were shown to everyone at the meeting. These will be sent to Rockport Printing and will be funded from the Airport's budget. The brochures will be put on permanent display at the Airport. The programs will be duplicated by 100 copies. Invitations will be mailed, emailed, and put in the Pilot.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - A. **Executive—Carol Thompson**
No report at this time.
 - B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan/Cassandra Perkins**
Pam Stranahan discussed hiring Hannah Hawes to assist Angalee Marano with the historic resources survey. Hannah had a semester off and since she had worked here previously, wanted to help again. Everyone agreed it was a great idea. Funds of approximately \$2,000 had already been set aside to cover salaries for Angalee and Hannah (\$12/hr) at the History Center. Pam reported that about nine of the city books were now completed but there was plenty more yet to go.
 - C. **Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Collin Jackson/Cassandra Perkins/Betty Stiles/Pam Stranahan/Carol Thompson**
Betty Stiles discussed the three upcoming 2017 historical markers: 1) Lamar Fire Department (Betty Stiles), 2) Fulton Fire Department (Carol Thompson), and 3) the Wood House (Pam Stranahan). Since the applications have already been sent in the THC, we just have to wait to hear back from them.

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/Carol Thompson

Carol Thompson reported that she had scheduled the presentation for the calendars for the 7th of February and in light of the marker dedication already scheduled for that date, she would see about getting it changed.

Cassandra Perkins reported that it was important that she be sent all current and upcoming event information in order to get it posted to facebook, twitter, etc.

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. New Location of Mirabeau B. Lamar Marker if Approved by TxDOT:

After a motion by Pam Stranahan and a second by Collin Jackson, it was unanimously approved to move the Mirabeau B. Lamar marker to the Steve Carlton property (with survey and Gift Deed or Quitclaim Deed provided), subject to approval of the TxDOT Right-of-Way Committee.

9. Old Business:

There was none.

10. New Business:

a) After a motion by Pam Stranahan and a second by June Gregory, it was unanimously approved to purchase a new computer desk (\$20) in the History Center Office for ACHC business, especially the Historic Resources Survey.

b) Carol briefly discussed upcoming educational opportunities/webinars and reported she would elaborate further at the next meeting in January.

Linda Garcia Haynes reported receiving notification that Monica Burdette was recently appointed by Governor Abbott to the Texas Historical Commission and because she now lives in Rockport, she was looking forward to meeting and working with people associated with the Historical Commission and the History Center for Aransas County. She was so proud that one of THC's 21 official historical sites was here! Judge Richard Bianchi will be administering the THC Oath of Office at the Fulton Mansion on January 6, 2017, and she is extending an invitation to both the Historical Commission and the Friends of the History Center for Aransas County to attend. It would certainly be a good idea for everyone to attend wearing their badges and introducing themselves. Several commissioners indicated that they had not received that notification and were told it would be forwarded to them the next day.

11. Next Meeting Date and Time:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 5:15 at the History Center.

12. Adjournment:

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Betty Stiles and seconded by Collin Jackson at 6:00 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Garcia Haynes, Secretary