

ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016

Commissioners present: Geoff Bywater, Veronika Camehl, Linda Garcia, Kathie Gribble, Gail Johnston, Collin Jackson, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Betty Collier, Letha Kiether

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:20 pm and declared a quorum was present.

2. The **Treasurer's Report** was tabled.

3. Committee Reports

A. Executive—Carol Thompson

Carol gave a report on the Annual Report of the ACHC submitted to the State. Although it was a bit complicated, it all came together well and the hourly rate for volunteer hours has increased to \$24.00. Hopefully, we will get another Certificate this year. The THC even used our Report as an example of what they wanted other commissions to submit. Discussion on potential new commissioners. Betty talked with June and Sandy Gregory who indicated they would be interested. Linda reported that Cassandra Perkins was interested and also thought Jerry Brundrett might be interested—she will talk with him. Need to have all potential new commissioners fill out rack cards so the Commission can review them prior to any final vote. Carol and Pam both presented updated work plans with the various committees which Linda will combine and present at next meeting. *A Special Meeting will be held on March 2nd at 5:15 for Treasurer's Report and possible action on the potential new commissioners.*

B. Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan

Pam presented several handouts—one was entitled "Aransas County Heritage Tourism" showcasing the history and different historic organizations in Aransas County and a summary of historic preservation in the County. Another was a printout from the Texas Historical Commission outlining exactly what are county historical commissioners and what they do. These would work well as orientation for new commissioners.

C. Markers—Carol Thompson/Pam Stranahan

Discussion on eligibility requirements for marker designation—home/business must be on original site for at least 50 years and must be of architectural or historical significance.

4. Old Business:

Discussed the need to check on subject for Proclamations from entities for National Preservation & History Month in May, 2016. Texas Archeology Month is in October. Discussed chapter from *Texas Government Code (442.006)* regarding State Historical Marker Program.

There will be a workshop orientation for historic commissions at the Fulton Mansion April 22nd or 23rd—the price is \$40 and includes lunch. Those interested should let Pam know as soon as possible as there might be limited seating.

5. New Business:

A special meeting will be held at the History Center on **March 2, 2016**, at 5:15 pm to take action on new commissioners.

6. The next regular meeting will be held on **April 6, 2016** at 5:15 pm. Regular meeting agenda will include Pathways, budget items, projects.

7. Motion to adjourn from Veronika and second by Gail at 5:50 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Garcia, Secretary