

McLennan County Historical Commission
Minutes from January 10, 2019

Proof of posting was established and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Brittain.

A quorum was established with the following members present:

Ken Brittain, John Kamenec, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, Walter Lavender, George Bird, Connie Mayfield, and Robert Gamboa.

Due to the illness of Secretary Barbara Santos, the minutes from the previous meeting will be discussed at a later date.

The Treasurer's Report: Within the general fund, there is \$7533.00, with \$375.00 spent on the annual Christmas party for members and guests. There is \$5290.00 in the other services and charges fund. Clint Lynch made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report with a second from George Bird.

A report was made on the involvement of the Commission at the annual Christmas in the Country Festival in Lorena, Texas. Members George Bird and Laura Ward spoke with and passed out marker maps to participants.

The Heart of Texas Regional History Fair will be February 14-15 this year. On the 14th, volunteers will be needed after 5:00pm. Volunteers will be needed during the day, Feb. 15th. Four volunteers will be needed during the event from the commission. Clint Lynch will head up the Volunteers.

The Texas Historical Commission has monies to help renovate registered County Courthouses. Ken Brittain passed out a copy of the Resolution in Support of the McLennan County Courthouse Master Plan Update Grant. McLennan County is requesting \$44,900.00 of the grant with \$5000.00 being allocated by the County as required by the program.

John Kamenec was asked to speak on behalf of Oliver's Cemetery. He was approached by a family member of the cemetery who stated the possibility of building on the land. John has filed a "Notice of a Cemetery" with the county protecting the cemetery should building occur. A letter is then sent to the land owner stating that should a building project proceed, archeologists may have to be called in to protect the site. John will take the lead on this project.

A lengthy discussion was held into the possibility of changing the meeting time to accommodate new members who find it difficult to leave their jobs. Clint Lynch suggested a lunch meeting although meetings would have to be streamlined to accommodate time restrictions.

Another suggestion was to hold the meetings later in the day, maybe 5:30pm. Discussion was also held on the possibility of having meetings on Saturday mornings. Ken then suggested Saturday mornings from 10:00-11:00am. Our maximum number for membership currently stands at twenty. Clint suggested revising the by-laws and change that membership number. As the discussion closed, Ken reported that he would visit with the members who have resigned due to work responsibilities, to see if another time would work.

A request has been made to move the Waco Tornado Marker down the street to another area where wind sculptures will be placed. Creative Waco will pay for the moving of the marker. If the MCHC approves this request, the MCHC would have to contact the Texas Historical Commission for final approval. Clint Lynch moved to allow the Waco Creative Organization to move the marker pending approval from THC and as long as it conforms to the narrative of the marker. George Bird made the second.

Ken Brittain announced the Commissioner's Court has approved the current slate of MCHC members.

Committee Reports

Sean Sutcliffe stated that a medallion is being given to one of the historic homes in Waco. The recipient is enthusiastic. Clint Lynch reported that he had been approached by a real estate developer to get a marker for a downtown building. Ken suggested Clint explain the app

process to acquire a marker. A report was made that the damaged marker repair in front of the West Cemetery is on hold. No other committee reports were made.

Announcements

Ken announced that future items to discuss will be the Katy Ball Park and the Torrey Trading Post.

With no other business, the motion to adjourn was made by George Bird with a second from Walter Lavender. Meeting was adjourned at 3:16pm.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Mayfield for Secretary Barbara Santos.