

McLennan County Historical Commission

Minutes for July 20, 2019

Proof of posting was established in accordance with the Government Code, Chapter 551 (known as the Open Meetings Act), and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ken Brittain.

A **Quorum** was established with the following members present: Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Byron Johnson, John Kamenec, Walter Lavender, Jacquelyn Lipski, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, Greta Watson, and Shirley Woodlock.

Meeting was opened by Ken Brittain who officially called the meeting to order at 9:00.

Minutes of the meeting of May 18, 2019 were approved with a motion by Clint Lynch which was seconded by Charles Barrow. The motion passed.

Minutes of the previous meeting of June 15, 2019 were approved with a motion by George Bird which was seconded by Jacquelyn Lipski. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Jacquelyn Lipski. She is having the auditor review two dubious charges to the commission's accounts. She is also asking if funds can be carried over for projects that stretch across fiscal years (i.e. Torrey Trading Post Kiosk). Byron Johnson suggested the possibility of looking into a private account with the Waco Foundation, particularly for designated donations. The report was approved with a motion by Clint Lynch and seconded by John Kamenec. The motion passed.

Agenda items included the following:

- **Report on Dr Pepper Museum:** Chris Dyer, President and CEO of the Dr Pepper Museum, presented a report to the commission after the meeting was called to order. He covered a brief history of Dr Pepper and crafted a timeline of the last few decades including recent renovations and exhibitions at the museum. Dyer also highlighted the work of the Free Enterprise Institute as it promotes financial literacy in the community.
- **Texas Ranger Bicentennial:** Byron Johnson distributed a handout on efforts that have been made to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Texas Rangers (2023). He highlighted fundraising efforts as well as the ways in which the Rangers are being marketed in popular culture (shows, movies, books, etc.) Byron asked commission members to endorse the efforts in the community and to the Texas Historical Commission. Shirley Woodlock made a motion, seconded by Clint Lynch, that the commission be prepared to support these efforts as the bicentennial draws near. The motion passed.
- **Update on Torrey Trading Post Kiosk:** Ken Brittain reported that the church has agreed to sell the land for the kiosk. He approves of the commission's decision to direct the issue to the Budget & Finance Committee for further research on the county's bidding process and other ethical and legal concerns. Ken intends to check with the Texas Historical Commission to verify local commissions can own plots of land.
- **Video of Most Interesting Marker Sites:** Ken Brittain approved of last month's decision to table the video project until someone is ready to lead it.

Committee Reports:

Marker Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint Lynch went to McGregor last month to check out a potential house for a marker. It has been cited by the city, but the same group also owns the first one-screen movie theater in Texas. It is in disrepair, but there is potential with significant renovations. Clint also met with Chris Dyer to discuss the placement of a historical marker for the Old Corner Drugstore. There are also two cemeteries to be considered, including Santa Cruz Cemetery in Riesel.

Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe: No report given.

Projects Committee-Watson Arnold: No report given.

Texas Treasures Awards-Dinah Mills: No report given.

Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch: No report given. However, Clint did make a motion, seconded by Shirley Woodlock, that Dinah Mills be added to the Website and Public Relations Committee. The motion passed.

New Business:

- Ken Brittain will be meeting with Greta Watson, John Kamenec, George Bird, and Clint Lynch on Tuesday, July 23 to discuss the long-range programming potential for the Torrey Trading Post Kiosk.

Announcements:

- Clint Lynch reminded the commission that it is co-sponsoring the Historic Waco Foundation's lecture on September 24, 2019 regarding historic land agent Jacob de Cordova.
- Clint Lynch announced Historic Waco Foundation is also sponsoring a talk on the East Waco Little League on October 5, 2019.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: None presented.

Adjournment: The next meeting will be held on the third Saturday in August (**August 17, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.**) A move to adjourn was made by Greta Watson and seconded by Walter Lavender at 10:54. All in approval.

Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary