

**McLennan County Historical Commission
Minutes for June 27, 2020**

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 Vice Chair Clint Lynch.

A Quorum was established with the following members present via Zoom and telephone: Watson Arnold, Charles Barrow, George Bird, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Byron Johnson, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, and Shirley Woodlock.

Meeting was opened by Clint Lynch who officially called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Minutes of the meeting of May 30, 2020 were approved. A motion was made by George Bird and seconded by Ken Brittain to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's report was delivered by Charles Barrow. Missy Niles sent Charles a two-page report that is consistent with Charles's accounts. The current available balance is \$23,019, some of which has been carried forward from the previous fiscal year for the Torrey Trading Post project. The only outstanding charge yet to be reimbursed is the application fee that Clint Lynch paid for the Katy Ballpark historical marker. Thomas DeShong made a motion, seconded by George Bird, to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion passed.

Agenda items included the following:

- **2021 Budget:** Charles Barrow mentioned that he, Clint Lynch, and Ken Brittain will be meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 to discuss details of the 2021 budget. Clint also requested that members of the Finance Committee attend.
- **Henry Downs Chapter, DAR:** Shirley Woodlock initially had difficulty connecting to the meeting. Later, she stated that there was nothing to report.
- **Central Presbyterian Church:** Amanda Dyer's contact at Magnolia is continuing to search for the original historical marker. Clint Lynch clarified that the church in question is actually the Second Presbyterian Church of Waco, built in 1894. It was at the intersection of 13th and Jefferson. Watson Arnold suggested that the commission contact Bill or Jim Clifton concerning research materials for the church.
- **Katy Ballpark:** Ken Brittain reported that he submitted a 4.5-page narrative on the Katy Ballpark to the Texas Historical Commission and that Clint Lynch paid the historical marker application fee. The application should soon be under review.

Committee Reports:

Marker Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint reported that there are currently three solid marker applications under consideration: Evangelia Settlement, Katy Ballpark, and Jesse Washington. The family of Lucy Fryer wanted to ensure that she was named in the Jesse Washington narrative (she was). Ken Brittain requested that the narrative for the Jesse Washington marker be moved to the Historical Marker Committee for edits and review.

Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe: Nothing new to report.

Projects Committee-Watson Arnold: Nothing new to report.

Texas Treasure Business Award Committee-Shirley Woodlock: Nothing new to report.

Video Committee-Clint Lynch: The Video Committee has not been able to meet recently. Charles Barrow is still awaiting feedback from members of the committee regarding the first few drafts of the script and wants the committee to discuss the broader scope of the project soon.

Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch: Clint stated the website continues to yield several reference questions each month. He passes most of these to Sean Sutcliffe or The Texas Collection. One such question this month related to the Speight family.

New Business: Watson stated that the Bluebonnet Ordinance Plant historical marker text is under review by Tom Cook, so it may be ready to proceed in a month or so.

Requests for Future Agenda Items: Clint Lynch requested that the Jesse Washington historical marker be made an agenda item for July's monthly meeting.

Adjournment: The next meeting will likely be held online through Zoom due to the coronavirus pandemic. The date and time of the meeting, as of now, have not been set. A move to adjourn was made by Shirley Woodlock and seconded by George Bird at 10:32 a.m. All in approval.

Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary