

**McLennan County Historical Commission  
Minutes for November 21, 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: Charles Barrow, Ken Brittain, Thomas DeShong, Amanda Dyer, Byron Johnson, John Kamenec, Clint Lynch, Sean Sutcliffe, Greta Watson, and Shirley Woodlock. Prospective members Sylvia Hernandez and Kevin Stone were also in attendance.

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

**Minutes of the meeting** of September 19, 2020 were approved. A motion was made by Charles Barrow and seconded by Shirley Woodlock to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

**The Treasurer's report** was delivered by Charles Barrow. Missy from the Auditor's Office provided the latest balance sheets sent out to the commission prior to the meeting. The company that maintains the commission's website has confirmed that they were paid, but the accounts do not currently reflect this. Clint Lynch suggested this charge may have come prior to the new fiscal year. Shirley Woodlock made a motion, seconded by Greta Watson, to accept the Treasurer's report.

**Agenda items included the following:**

- **December Christmas Dinner:** Clint Lynch reported that due to the spike in COVID-19 cases, the commission would not hold a Christmas dinner this year. However, a December meeting will take place to discuss elections in February 2021. Charles Barrow requested that efforts be made to find the most up-to-date copy of the by-laws. Thomas DeShong will work with Ken Brittain and the County Clerk's Office to locate this document if possible.
- **Katy Ballpark Marker:** Amanda Dyer has begun research at The Texas Collection, adding footnotes to the narrative needed for the application. Clint Lynch suggested she reach out to David Linz who is currently writing a book on the history of the ballpark. Ken Brittain stated that \$2,000 was donated by five individuals to pay for the historical marker and encouraged Charles Barrow, the treasurer, to find the receipt for that transaction. Byron Johnson suggested that we ask the county to set up a specific account for donated monies for future auditing purposes. Ken Brittain also encouraged the commission to ensure that the marker was installed on city property to guarantee public access.
- **Resignation Letter, Ken Brittain:** Chair Ken Brittain offered some closing remarks. He is stepping aside for personal health reasons but confirmed his willingness to help and advise the commission in future endeavors. He is encouraged by the young core of members on the commission as well as the wealth of wisdom represented. Greta Watson made a motion, seconded by Charles Barrow, to accept Ken's formal resignation.
- **Second Presbyterian Church:** Members of the historical commission cannot determine what has happened to this marker. Amanda Dyer suggested that the commission report to the Texas Historical Commission that the marker is missing so that its status can be updated. Clint Lynch promised to look into the matter further.

**Committee Reports:**

**Marker Committee-Clint Lynch:** Nothing new to report.

**Medallion Committee-Sean Sutcliffe:** Nothing new to report.

**Projects Committee-Watson Arnold:** No report given.

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

**Video Committee-Clint Lynch:** Nothing new to report.

**Website and Public Relations Committee-Clint Lynch:** Clint reported that the website company has been paid. The site continues to see traffic and reference requests. Amanda Dyer pointed out that the marker map (via Google) showed an error when she tried to access it. Clint is going to follow up with this issue.

**New Business:** Clint Lynch welcomed Kevin Stone and Sylvia Hernandez to the meeting. They are expected to becoming voting members in the new term. The commission is excited for the expertise Kevin and Sylvia will bring.

**Requests for Future Agenda Items:** None.

**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 though the commission will meet in December. A move to adjourn was made by Shirley Woodlock and seconded by Charles Barrow at 10:46 a.m. All in approval.

**Submitted by Thomas A. DeShong, Secretary**