

Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on March 12, 2015, in the Williamson County Courthouse at 710 Main Street, Georgetown, TX. P.J. Stevens served as Chair and Barbara Glasscock served as secretary.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:57 p.m.

Members present were: Patricia Baldwin, Nancy Bell, Eloise Brackenridge, David Ciambone, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Winnann Ewing, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, George Meyer, George Schuman, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Stuckey, David Voelter, Mervin Walker, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present: J.C. Johnson. Mr. Johnson encouraged the WCHC members to get out there and do as many oral interviews as possible before we lose our valuable resources.

The Chair called for review of the minutes of the January 22, 2015 called meeting. Winnann Ewing moved that the minutes be approved. David Ciambone seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Treasurer's Report:

The members reviewed the treasurer's report sent previous to the meeting. The current balance bank balance is \$11,106. Kandy Dipprey moved that the treasurer's report be accepted. David Voelter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Committee Reports:

Markers –

No report.

Cemetery –

Wayne Ware reported that he has found another cemetery in the Liberty Hill area. Nancy Bell, John Christenson and Wayne went out to look at it.

Wayne is still working on the fence for the McNutt cemetery.

Oral History –

Kandy Dipprey shared that there have been no new interviews. She also does not have a signed release from Billie Ruth Russell.

Membership/Outreach -

Kandy told us about someone that has complained about damage to a brick that was purchased. There was discussion about what to do. There is a statement in the recognition letter that addresses this.

Infrastructure –

The Chair received a Section 106 review from TXDoT regarding the replacement of an existing multiple box culvert on FM 112 over an unnamed tributary of Mustang Creek in Williamson County. Due to the short turn around time, the item was addressed through email. It is being brought forward in regular meeting to be ratified.

Laura Sue Smith moved that the decision that the structure does not have any local/regional significance be ratified. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair also received a Section review from TXDoT regarding the widening of FM 1660 from King Lane to FM 973. This project has previously been addressed by the WCHC. TXDoT has addressed the previous concerns and has determined that the proposed project poses no adverse effects to historic resources in the APE. David Voelter moved that WCHC concurs with the findings of no adverse effect of the properties that have been addressed. Winnann Ewing seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

Other business:

TXDoT has made a request for the WCHC to host on our website the history of the bridge at North Colorado Street (CR 115) at Willis Creek Branch (Granger school bridge) as condition of mitigation for removal and replacement of said bridge. Clare Easley moved that the WCHC host the TXDoT history of the bridge on our website. David Voelter seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous hand vote.

The Chair handed out a listing of the committee assignments for 2015. He would like to lock down these appointments and start regular meetings of the committee members.

The Chair asked that the WCHC continue to work on an inventory of all known and lesser known historic properties in the county.

Meeting adjourned at 5:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.