

## **Minutes of the Williamson County Historical Commission**

A regular meeting of the Williamson County Historical Commission was held on October 8, 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 4:07 P.M.

Members present were: Nancy Bell, David Ciabrone, Mildred Davis, Kandy Dipprey, Dan Doss, Clare Easley, Barbara Glasscock, Lloyd Mattingly, Marietta Mugford, Mickie Ross, George Schuman, Laura Sue Smith, P.J. Stevens, David Voelter, and Wayne Ware.

There was one guest present: Alisa Starks. Alisa has applied for membership on the WCHC.

The review of the August and September meeting's minutes were postponed until the November meeting.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The balance of the General Fund – County Contribution as of September 30, 2015 is \$0. \$1000 will be added at the beginning of the 2015-2016 fiscal year, October 1, 2015. The balance of the WCHC Program fund as of September 30 is \$10,621.13. A bill for two bricks was just received from the Acme brick company.

### **Old Business:**

Nancy Bell is working on the WCHC website. The new website will incorporate tabs for the various topics. The committee is currently working on assigning all of the documents currently on the website to these tabs.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Markers –**

Mickie Ross has had one person on University Avenue that has contacted her concerning a marker application. Winnann Ewing is currently working on her marker application. Mickie made a clarification that there is no marker that can protect a property from being demolished if the owner decides to do so.

#### **Cemetery –**

Wayne Ware reported that with the cooler weather he has started on some cleanup projects. He is also getting some ready for winter.

**Oral History –**

There was no report since there is currently no chair of the committee.

**Membership/Outreach –**

The city has picked up five bricks to be installed. There were also two new brick orders.

**Infrastructure –**

Lloyd Mattingly has not heard anything yet on the Consulting Party Agreement with TXDOT.

Dan Doss reported that there are eighteen historical bridges in Williamson County. Four of those are endangered: 2 at Coupland, 1 at Rowe Valley, and 1 at Berry Creek. The Rowe Valley bridge is a Warren Truss Bridge, which dates back to the 1800's. It may be the only one in Texas. Kitty Henderson, with the historic bridge committee, will meet with the WCHC to determine how to proceed with the Rowe Valley bridge.

**Announcements:**

Mickie Ross shared with the WCHC the events the Williamson Museum is sponsoring:

- . Hands-on History, October 2
- . Chisholm Trail Event, October 17
- . Special Tour – Young Frankenstein with drinks and dessert, October 30
- . Cemetery Tour – When Johnny Comes Marching Home (Civil War Soldiers),  
November 2

Update on the Confederate Statue – The County Commissioners' Court has received more names on its petition to keep the statue where it is than the petition to move it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Glasscock, Secretary.