



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

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1st Vice-Chairman
Paul Prosperie
2nd Vice-Chairman

Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) Special Meeting
Noon, Friday, December 9, 2016
Third Floor JCHC Library
1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701

Call to Order / Greetings – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order. Members in attendance were Jessie Davis, Bruce Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Linda McMahan, Don Smart and Jen Trenbeath.

Item of Business – Election of Executive Board

This is the year JCHC members nominate people for the JCHC Executive Board. At the Wednesday, November 16, 2016 JCHC Bi-Monthly meeting, nominations were made by the general membership for Executive Board officers which consist of Chair, 1st Chair and 2nd Chair.

There must be a two-week period between nomination and voting. Due to time requirement, a Special Meeting was called for Friday, December 9, 2016 at Noon in the JCHC Library, 1149 Pearl Street – Third Floor.

A simple majority vote of those present qualified to vote, and voting, shall constitute election. Proxy or absentee voting will not be allowed in officer elections.

Nominations for 2017 – 2018 Executive Board were:

Chair	Theresa Goodness
1 st Chair	Les McMahan
2 nd Chair	Paul Prosperie

A motion was made by Don Smart and seconded by Jen Trenbeath to elect those nominated at the November 16, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Report – Chair Goodness reported on a telephone call from a concerned citizen in regards to maintenance needs at the Jefferson Theater. The caller declined to give her name or contact number. Theresa contacted both Audwin Samuels, Councilman in whose district the Jefferson Theater is situated, and Tom Bell, Executive Director of Beaumont Main Street.

Councilman Samuels was aware of the leaking roof and said the city was taking care of the issue, but he would check on the status.

Tom Bell shared the building had some storm damage to one of the organ chambers and Beaumont Main Street had been working on getting the chamber repaired, along with the organ itself. Tom contacted the building maintenance supervisor who said there was also an air-condition condensation leak which the City was having a contractor repair. All plaster repairs were scheduled to be repaired by a specialist. Tom felt the City is on top of the situation and any additional information will be shared with the Commission as it becomes available.

This discussion led to talk of problems with buildings at Tyrrell Park. It was suggested that the JCHC research sponsoring a Facebook page to share such things as historical concerns throughout the County. Chair Goodness appointed Jen Trenbeath, who has Facebook experience, to chair this committee and report to the JCHC how other cities and counties are using Facebook. Theresa said she would check with the County's MIS Department to see what the JCHC could do in regards to having a Facebook page. A meeting date will be announced in the near future for those interested in being on this committee.

Adjournment / Next Meeting – Next regular JCHC meeting is Noon, Wednesday, January 18, 2017 in the JCHC Library, 1149 Pearl Street – Third Floor. The meeting was adjourned.