



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

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Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) Bi-Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 11:30 AM

Third Floor JCHC Conference Room

1149 Pearl Street, Beaumont, TX 77701

Call to Order / Greetings – The meeting was called to order by Chair Theresa Goodness. Attending were Sarah Bellian, Bill Cummings, Jessie Davis, Theresa Goodness, Bruce Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Mike McGreevy, Les McMahan, Linda McMahan, Paul Prosperie, and Don Smart. Visitors attending were Allen Lee and Jean Trenbeath.

Consider Minutes of Previous Meeting – Chair Theresa Goodness shared the Minutes from the Wednesday, May 18, 2016 JCHC Bi-Monthly Meeting had been emailed for review. She asked if there were any additions or corrections. There were none. Don Smart made a motion to accept the Minutes as printed and Leslie McMahan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Linda McMahan reported the 2016 – 2017 JCHC Budget had been turned into Auditing. The JCHC asked for no changes from the present 2015 – 2016 Budget. The Budget Workshop is scheduled to begin August 1, 2016 but the JCHC is not required to attend.

Chair Report – Theresa Goodness introduced Jen Trenbeath who visited with the JCHC at the May meeting at which time Jen expressed interest in becoming a member. A motion was made by Bruce Hamilton and seconded by Paul Prosperie to accept Jen as a new member. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Goodness presented Allen Lee from the McFaddin Ward House to speak. Allen shared the McFaddin Ward House Museum is planning to purchase the property located at 1990 Calder to expand the Museum grounds to help beautify the surrounding areas. The structure located on the property was formerly used as a commercial floral shop. The building has been left vacant for over two years and has deteriorated beyond repair. It is the Museum's intent to take down the structure to create a green space that the Museum will maintain.

Allen shared that he had spoken to the Oaks Historic District and Adina Ward at the Land Mark Commission, each confirming that the property is not a part of the Beaumont Historical District. He was asking an opinion from the Jefferson County

Historical Preservation Office, Sarah Ballian, along with the JCHC for the plans for the 1990 Calder property. If there was no objection, he asked that a letter be sent to the McFaddin Ward House Museum stating that opinion.

After JCHC members discussed the request, Sarah (JCHPO) said she would be glad to write a letter from the JCHC that we had no objections to the plans for the Calder property.

Steven Lewis shared that the Hincee House was broken into and the stain glass windows were stolen. The property now has a For Sale in the yard. Steven also shared his new email address: historylewis48@gmail.com

Unfinished Business / New Business

Bruce Hamilton shared that while several of the JCHC members have been inventorying Bill Quick's books and papers at the Sam Houston Library in Liberty, it has been noted there are books from the Quick collection already housed at the Library. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Library requesting any duplicate books from the Quick collection be returned to the JCHC for placement in the Commission's library. Theresa said she would write a letter with that request.

Coordinator Report – Linda McMahan asked everyone to go to front of the Courthouse where a Port of Beaumont bus was waiting to take the JCHC on a tour of the Port. The bus will return members back to the Courthouse. All members have been pre-approved through security to enter the Port and also pictures will be allowed.

Linda also reminded everyone to please turn in their volunteer hours.

Adjournment / Next Meeting – Noon, Wednesday, September 14, 2016, JCHC Conference Room