



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

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Linda McMahan
Coordinator

Bruce Hamilton
1st Vice-Chair

Les McMahan
2nd Vice-Chair

Minutes for JCHC Bi-Monthly Meeting Noon, Wednesday, November 14, 2018 Jefferson County Courthouse - Third Floor JCHC Conference Room

Call to Order – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order. Attending were Sarah Bellian, Bruce A. Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Mike McGreevy, Linda McMahan, Paul Prosperie, Don Smart, Jen Trenbeath. Visitors were Mary Darbonne and Jay Camp.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Chair Theresa Goodness asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes for the September 19, 2018 meeting. There were none. A motion was made by Don Smart and seconded by Bruce A. Hamilton to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report – Secretary Linda McMahan gave the Budget report. **Page 5**

Chair's Report – Chair Theresa Goodness read the names of those nominated for the 2019-2020 Executive Board. They were:

Chair – Sarah Bellian
1st Vice Chair – Bruce A. Hamilton
2nd Vice Chair – Les McMahan
Secretary – Jen Trenbeath
Past Chair – Theresa Goodness

A motion was made by Mike McGreevy and seconded by Paul Prosperie to accept the nominations. The vote passed unanimously.

It was again reminded that the JCHC Coordinator is an employee of the County, and approved by Commissioners Court to handle financial matters of the JCHC, with consideration to suggestions by the JCHC. Coordinator Linda McMahan holds that position.

Judge John Stevens has graciously allowed use of his Trost print of the Lucas Gusher at Spindletop for the JCHC Calendar.

Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahan reminded everyone that volunteer hours for 2018 need to be turned in by December 31, 2018. **Page 6**

It was also shared the JCHC still has markers that need to be surveyed. A list of the markers is attached. It would be appreciated if anyone would like to survey several of the markers to help complete the project. **Page 7**

If any JCHC member has had a change of address, email address or telephone number, please share this information with the JCHC office

Sandra Sherman of China, Texas has donated information on schools and the Prisoner of War Camp in China.

Committee Reports

About Town in Pictures – Steven Lewis – Steven gave an interesting and very informative presentation on Beaumont Pig Stands. It brought back memories of high school and college days to some members.

Archeology Committee – Brenda Jackson – Nothing new to report.

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Former JCHC Chair Theresa Goodness announced that she had been contacted by the BHLC to fill the position left vacant by Jessie Davis due to other commitments.

Cemetery Committee – Paul Prosperie – The Brewer Cemetery located on Highway 347 is being watched as a pipeline is being put in that area. No damage has been done. Last meeting, Linda shared she had heard about a possible burial on private property in Port Neches but had no additional information to share.

Certified Local Government – Sarah Bellian reported nothing new with CLG. She did report she had resigned from the Museum of the Gulf Coast and is now working in the County Clerk's Office. She shared she will not be able to attend the 2019 Real Places Conference in Austin in January. Bruce A. Hamilton will be attending in her place.

Courthouse Oversight Committee – Linda McMahan reported that Brit Barr of the Texas Historical Commission was notified about work needed in a bathroom in the Sub-Courthouse in Port Arthur. Engineering was requesting to do the work. Permission was given.

There has been some patching of leaks in the Courthouse in Purchasing and the Print Shop.

The Texas flag pole in front of the Courthouse is leaning and Maintenance and Engineering have been trying to fix it. These two departments have talked with the Historical Commission and Purchasing concerning the matter. We have asked for a detailed report why and what needs to be done and also for a bid on the work. We will be in touch with THC to get their ideas / suggestions / and approval. The way it looks now, the flag pole will be removed from the pedestals and placed on the lawn. No final decision has been made or approved.

Dick Dowling Days / Spindletop Days – Mike McGreevy reported on elections in the Sons of Confederate Camp.

Marker Committee – Les McMahan has been in contact with Central Baptist Church in Port Arthur regarding the moving of their historical marker due to the church merging with another church in the near future. The marker is for the congregation rather than the building so it can be moved with the Central congregation. Example wording for the required supplemental plaque to be put on the marker at its new location has been set to Central Baptist Church.

No news on the St. Paul United Methodist Church (Port Arthur) marker. We are waiting for delivery from the foundry.

We have been in contact with Beaumont First Baptist Church and Beaumont Westminster Church concerning the status of those markers.

Port Arthur Historical Landmark Commission – Les McMahan reported the first draft of the Guidelines and Standards for use by the public when considering structure improvements in the City's historical district, and for use by the Commission when deciding on cases before them, have been received and is being reviewed by the Landmark Commission and City Staff.

Sam Houston State Library / Early Sports – Don Smart – No report.

Tyrrell Park Community Building – Bruce A. Hamilton reported he has attended several meetings with the architect and others concerning access and input of the building. There is unease by many about not putting a full roof on the building at this time and leaving the back part open.

Tourism / Ben Rogers Visitors Center – Jessie Davis – No report at this time.

Web Site / Facebook Friends of the JCHC – Jen Trenbeath reports there continues to be interest in the Friends of the JCHC web site.

Unfinished / New Business – None shared.

Adjourned - The next meeting will be noon, Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in the JCHC Conference Room. Meeting was adjourned.

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Budget Report
November 14, 2018**

Line Item	Budget	Spent	Remaining
30-10 Books	\$250	-----	\$250.00
30-78 Supplies	\$1,500	-----	\$1,500.00
30-90 Education	\$1,500	-----	\$1,500.00
50-05 Mileage	\$500	\$139.52	\$360.48
50-12 Markers	\$5,000	-----	\$5,000.00
50-21 Dues	\$850	\$45.00	\$805.00
50-62 Travel	\$2,000	\$359.29	\$1,640.71
Totals	\$11,600	\$543.81	\$ 11,056.19

2018

Markers Still Need to Be Surveyed

Arceneaux House

Boudreaux House

Leo Edward Craigen

Crockett Middle School

Dugaat – Hamshire House

John Warne Gates

Hamshire House

Idle House (Land Manor)

Mayumi Legacy (original and relocated sites)

Pivoto – Robinson Cemetery – new information given to Don Smart

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Presbyterian Church – in storage

Sabine Pass Cemetery

Spindle top Park

Arthur Edward Stilwell