

Minutes for the Jefferson County Historical Commission Bi-Monthly Meeting
Noon, Wednesday, December 11, 2019
Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum
5550 Jimmy Simmons Blvd.
Beaumont, Texas 77705

Call to Order – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. In attendance were Jay Camp, Kay Hambright, Bruce A. Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven P. Lewis, Les McMahan, Linda McMahan, Paul Prosperie, Lynn Simon, Don Smart and Jen Trenbeath. A quorum was met.

Secretary's Report – Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meet – Chair Theresa Goodness asked if there were any additions or corrections to the Minutes for Wednesday, November 13, 2019. A motion was made by Linda McMahan and seconded by Paul Prosperie to accept the Minutes as printed. The vote was unanimous.

Chair's Report – Theresa Goodness – Report on the 2020 JCHC Calendar

Chair Theresa Goodness reported the historic digital photographs and calendar dates have been submitted to Triangle Blueprint for the 2020 calendar. A proof of the calendar has been approved. The expected date to pick up the calendars from the printer is by the end of the week of December 16, 2019.

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Theresa Goodness, Historic Preservation Officer – Report of status of THC sub-grant application for the National Park Service Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant

- On December 10, 2019, Lisa J. Hart, Program Specialist, with the Texas Historical Commission met with Theresa Goodness, HPO, and Linda McMahan, JCHC Coordinator, to discuss the approximate timeline for our HIM ESHPF Grant.
- THC will be sending JCHC a supplemental application which basically will confirm the information already submitted. After receipt of the supplemental application we should receive a formal grant approval in two to four weeks.
- THC is working on drafting a financial agreement with the grant recipients. The National Park Service was initially tasked with drafting these agreements, but the task has since been delegated to THC. An official financial agreement should be ready for the county to approve sometime in late February or early March.
- The grant is supposed to end on 3/31/2022 but THC can extend it for two years, one year at a time.
- A final draft of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this project has been prepared and submitted to THC for review and comments. Lisa Hart will have experienced THC personnel, such as Leslie Wolfenden give us some pointers as to what, if any additional language and requirements should be added to the RFQ.

Chair Theresa Goodness thanked Troy Gray, Director, Spindletop-Gladys City Boomtown Museum, for allowing the Commission to meet in their Visitors' Center. Troy shared that the Museum is always glad for people to use their meeting room. He went on to share what was going on at the Museum and invited the JCHC for a tour to show the need for repairs from Tropical Storms Harvey and Imelda. Grants are being applied for and donations are always gladly received. If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help with the SPGCBM archives reorganization or in giving tours, please talk with Troy after the meeting.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned and JCHC members were given the opportunity to tour Gladys City. No date was officially given for the January 2020 JCHC meeting. Information will be mailed out after the holidays of important dates of the 2020.