

JCHC BIMONTHLY MEETING
Thursday, July 25, 2013
JCHC Conference Room

Call to Order - Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at Noon. Those in attendance were: Linda McMahan, Bruce Hamilton, Ron Ellington, Charlotte Holliman, Leslie McMahan, Bill Cummings, Paul Prosperie, Mike McGreevy, Peter Kaatrude and Guest (David Beard, Director of the Museum of the Gulf Coast, Port Arthur), and Guests Beth Black and Brenda Beadle.

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Chair Theresa Goodness introduced Brenda Beadle, Director of Capital Projects, City of Beaumont. Ms. Beadle spoke concerning the present state of the Tyrrell Park Community Building and plans the City of Beaumont have for the building. She reported the Mayor and City Council want to save the building but no funds were set aside in the 2013-2014 City Budget. There was time allowed for a question and answer period.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting - A motion was made by Paul Prosperie and seconded by Bill Cummings to accept the Minutes of the May, 2013 meeting as printed.

Budget Report - The Budget Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Paul Prosperie. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report as printed. The motion was passed unanimously.

Chairman's Report – Theresa Goodness

- Theresa asked Peter Kaatrude to introduce his guest, David Beard. David is the new director of the Museum of the Gulf Coast. He is replacing Shannon Howard, former JCHC member, who has moved with her family to the Houston area. Theresa also introduced Beth Black who is interested in joining the Historical Commission at a later date. Ms. Black is presently in the process of moving.
- Theresa shared a new brochure that is being worked on updating information on the Historical Courthouse. This information will also be included on the JCHC website that is presently being updated and expanded.
- Certified Local Government - Theresa shared that an application to the Texas Historical Commission from Jefferson County had been turned down. The County was applying for a \$10,000 grant (\$5,000 coming from THC / \$5,000 coming from the JCHC) to do a windshield survey of County areas that are not already classified as Certified Local Governments. The City of Beaumont and the City of Port Arthur are designated CLG.
- On March 25, 2013, Commissioners Court approved the use of public funds, county employees and equipment, and county inmate labor to clean-up and maintain Lincoln Cemetery also known as Broussard Cemetery, a historic cemetery located on Labelle Road in Precinct 4. The JCHC is waiting for a date to be set by Commissioner Alfred's office for the work to be started. Someone from the Jefferson County Historical Commission will need to be on site when the clean-up takes place. Volunteer assistance will be needed to locate and identify an unknown number of graves. Research has been ongoing and narrowing down the years of usage will help determine more about the cemetery.

Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahon

- Linda reminded members to turn in Volunteer Hours. This information is needed for the JCHC Annual Report due after the first of the year.
- Paul Tanner has donated a number of old maps of Sabine Pass, Sabine Lake and the upper Texas Coast. These are being inventoried and will be listed on the JCHC website.

Committee Reports - (Because of the question and answer period concerning the Tyrrell Park Community Building, time for Committee Reports were shortened.)

Archeology Committee - Ron Ellington - No report.

Cemetery Committee – Marianne Petry – (See Chair's Report.)

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Ramona Hutchinson – (See Chair's Report.)

Courthouse Oversight Committee – No report.

History Appreciation – Jef Russell – No report.

History Preservation – Charlotte Holliman – No report.

Marker Committee – Les McMahon – Short update on status of undedicated markers.

Website Committee – Bill Cummings – Short update on status of website reorganization.

Unfinished Business / New Business - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Noon, Thursday, October 10, 2013 in the JCHC Conference Room.