

Minutes
JCHC Bi-Monthly Meeting
Noon, Wednesday, February 7, 2018
1149 Pearl Street - Third Floor Conference
Beaumont, TX 77701

Call to Order – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order and welcomed JCHC members Sarah Bellian, Bruce Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Les McMahan, Linda McMahan, Paul Prosperie, Don Smart and Jen Trenbeath. Visitors were Kate Hambright and Troy Graham

Introduction of Speakers – Chair Theresa Goodness introduced JCHC member Steven Lewis. Steven gave a PowerPoint Overview entitled “Is Beaumont’s History Disappearing One Bite at a Time?” He also reported on the NRHP Hinchee House and the work going on there. The JCHC appreciates the many historic pictures and post cards that Steven has shared in his presentations.

Bruce Hamilton reported on the “Real Places 2018 Conference and Certified Local Government Workshop” he attended in Austin. He shared brochures on many areas of travel and interest with members in attendance.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Chair Theresa Goodness asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 15, 2017 JCHC Meeting Minutes. Don Smart made a motion, seconded by Paul Prosperie to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report – Secretary Linda McMahan shared the JCHC Budget has \$9,883.08 remaining in the 2017-2018 budget.

Chair’s Report – Theresa Goodness reviewed the 2017 Goals and shared suggested Goals for 2018. After discussion, it was agreed by all to accept the proposed Goals for 2018. (Copy attached.)

Chair Goodness reviewed information about the Marker Survey. Linda passed out a list of historical markers and asked members to please let her know which markers they wish to survey. An up-to-date list will be kept in the office so as not to duplicate markers by more than one person. She also included information of what pictures are needed for each marker.

Chair Goodness also reviewed information about the JCHC doing a calendar of historic pictures and dates to give to visitors to our area. We will be in touch with the Visitors Center about applying for help in printing costs. There will be no charge for the calendars.

Coordinator's Report – Coordinator Linda McMahan

- **JCHC members were reminded to please turn in their Volunteer Hours.**
- **Alisia McKibbin with the Beaumont Heritage Society has asked for information on applying for a historical marker for the Chambers House.**
- **Marker application information was requested by the West Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, Beaumont.**

Committees

Archeology Committee – Brenda Jackson

- **State regional archeologist Dr. Kerry Nichols will not speak in Beaumont about the prehistory and archeology of this area, including McFaddin Beach and the recent dune restoration project. The talk was to have been held on March 8, 2018 at the McFaddin-Ward House Visitor Center. The Jefferson County Historical Commission and the McFaddin- Ward House were co-sponsors of the event. Terry is no longer with the Texas Historical Commission.**

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Jessie Davis

- **It was reported that the Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House has been tagged by the City of Beaumont to be demolished. No date set.**

Cemetery Committee – Paul Prosperie

- Magnolia Cemetery Tour sponsored by the Beaumont Historical Society is planned for April 12, 2018 at 5 PM.

Certified Local Government / Museum of the Gulf Coast – Sarah Bellian

- No Certified Local Government Report.
- Sarah shared upcoming events at the Museum of the Gulf Coast. She said she always welcomes volunteers.

Courthouse Oversight Committee – LindaMcMahan

- Minor damage at the Courthouse from Tropical Storm Harvey is being repaired. The County has prepared a grant request to help with expenses.

Dick Dowling Days / Spindletop – Mike McGreevy

- Nothing to report at this time.

Historical Markers – Les McMahan

- The JCHC has not received a draft inscription from THC for St. Paul United Methodist Church.
- JCHC funds are available to replace both markers lost during Tropical Storm Harvey (Nancy Tevis and Beaumont Lumber Mill). The cost for both is \$3,800 which includes application fee and new marker on pole.

Port Arthur Historical Landmark Commission – Les McMahan

- Nothing to report. Next meeting is February 15, 2018.

Sam Houston State Library / Early Sports – Don Smart

- The Sam Houston State Library is closed to the public but the Museum is open.

Tourism / Ben Rogers Visitors Center – Jessie Davis

- The Visitors Center had water damage from Tropical Storm Harvey and repairs are still being made. The Center remains open to the public.

Web Site / Facebook Friends of the JCHC – Jen Trenbeath

- People continue to checkout our Friends page. If there is anything you would like listed, please make contact with Jen.
- A meeting is scheduled for the Web Committee later this month.

Unfinished / New Business

- None at this time.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 14, 2018.