



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

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2nd Vice-Chairman

Minutes for Wednesday, July 18, 2018 **Jefferson County Courthouse - Third Floor JCHC Conference Room** **1149 Pearl Street** **Beaumont, TX 77701**

Call to Order – Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order. Attending were Jessie Davis, Bruce Hamilton, Brenda Jackson, Steven Lewis, Mike McGreevy, Linda and Les McMahan, and Don Smart.

Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting – Chair Theresa Goodness asked if there were any corrections to the May 9, 2018 Minutes. There were none. A motion was made by Jessie Davis and seconded by Mike McGreevy to accept the Minutes as printed. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Report – Secretary Linda McMahan presented the Budget report. She reported that money to replace two lost historical markers in Riverfront Park due to Tropical Storm Harvey was taken from the JCHC Budget.

Speaker – Chair Theresa Goodness presented a power point on how to do research in the County Clerk's office. It was very informative. It was suggested by several members that the JCHC may want to put the information on the JCHC website.

Chair's Report – Theresa Goodness reported on the progress of gathering information for the calendar that the JCHC is putting together to have printed to hand out at special events and regional meetings. She asked those who have not turned in the picture / credit line and dates for their month to please do so as soon as possible.

Coordinator's Report – Linda McMahan reminded everyone to please not get behind in turning in volunteer hours. Hours include special projects such as marker survey, research and meetings for the Hinchee House and Tyrrell Park Community Building.

Linda also reminded those who have not turned in their marker survey pictures and information to please do so as soon as possible.

Committee Reports

About Town in Pictures – Steven Lewis shared research on the Pig Stands, Hinchee House and Tyrrell Park pictures.

Archeology Committee – Brenda Jackson reported that Debbie Eller (debjajul@yahoo.com; 740-285-0533) is the newest Texas Archeological Steward in Jefferson County.

Camp Lookinback was held at the John J. French Museum in July. Brenda planned and carried out an archeology day for the campers. She will be attending the annual TASN workshop in San Felipe de Austin on August 17-18, 2018.

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Jessie Davis gave a short report on business discussed at the Landmark Commission.

Cemetery Committee – Paul Prosperie was absent due to work. No news on any planned events.

Certified Local Government / Museum of the Gulf Coast – Sarah Bellian was absent due to work.

Courthouse Oversight Committee – Linda McMahan reported the latest discovery found in the cleaning of the old jail area is a woman's shoe found in the elevator shaft on the 12th floor. (No body was found.)

Dick Dowling Days / Spindletop Days – Mike McGreevy reported on the 50th Anniversary / Birthday party of the Dick Dowling Camp # 1295.

Marker Committee – Les McMahan reported the marker for St. Paul United Methodist Church in Port Arthur has not be received from the foundry as of yet.

Paperwork has been prepared for the replacement of the Tevis marker and Beaumont Lumber marker that were washed away during Tropical Storm Harvey. Money to pay for the replacement markers has been earmarked out of the FY 2018 budget. When received, the markers will be stored at Commissioner Alford's precinct warehouse until locations for the replacement markers are determined with the City of Beaumont.

Port Arthur Landmark Commission – Les McMahan reported work continues by the Austin firm on the preparation of the historic preservation plan and guidelines for the City of Port Arthur's one historic district and other individual historic sites.

The PALC has not held any meetings since the one where the Commission agreed with the recommendation of the Planning Director regarding the City's hiring of the firm doing the above referenced plan.

Sam Houston State Library / Early Sports – Don Smart shared that the Sam Houston State Library Museum is now open and the public will be pleased with how the exhibits are arranged.

Tyrrell Park Community Center – Bruce Hamilton shared the latest plans for the restoration of the Tyrrell Park Community Center. Meetings are being held to discuss the preservation of the building. The meetings are open to the public.

Tourism / Ben Rogers Visitors Center – Jessie Davis reported that even though repair work for damage from Tropical Storm Harvey is going on at the Visitors Center, tour busses and travelers are still stopping by for information about places of interest in the County and surrounding areas.

Web Site / Facebook Friends of the JCHC – Jen Trenbeath was out of town. It was mentioned that there are changes being made on our web site.

Unfinished / New Business – None

Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be Noon, Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in the JCHC Conference Room.

**Jefferson County Historical Commission
Budget Report
July 18, 2018**

Line Item	2018/19 Budget	Spent	Remaining
30-10 Books	\$250	\$209.00	\$41.00
30-78 Supplies	\$1,500	\$862.82	\$637.18
30-90 Education	\$1,500	\$692.84	\$807.16
50-05 Mileage	\$500	\$252.33	\$247.67
50-12 Markers	\$5,000	\$3,800.00	\$1,200.00
50-21 Dues	\$850	\$590.00	\$260.00
50-62 Travel	\$2,000	\$606.59	\$1,393.41
Totals	\$11,600	\$7,013.58	\$4,586.42