

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness Chair Jen Trenbeath Coordinator/Secretary

Linda McMahen Treasurer Bruce A. Hamilton 1st Vice-Chair Don Smart 2nd Vice-Chair

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Historical Commission Library, 1149 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701

Order of Business:

- 1. Call to Order.
- 2. Determination of Quorum.
- 3. Citizens' Communications.
- 4. Call, Receive Information and Take Appropriate Action on:

Introduction of Guests

ACTION ITEMS:

Secretary's Report – Jen Trenbeath

5. Consider and possibly approve minutes of previous meeting.

Coordinator's Report – Jen Trenbeath

• Staff report from Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report - Linda McMahen

- Report of Expenditures and remaining Budget.
- 6. Consider and possibly approve an expenditure of \$245.00 from Office Supplies for a custom table cover to be used at events where JCHC participates in preservation outreach efforts.
- 7. Consider and possibly approve an expenditure of approximately \$300.00 from Office Supplies for a 43" monitor and a wall mount for meeting presentations and training.

Chair's Report - Chair Theresa Goodness

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve 2024 annual JCHC historical calendar publication process and calendar work assignments.

Committee Reports

Historical Preservation:

Early African-American Schools and Educators - Lynn Simon

• Report on research of early Beaumont schools and educators.

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Theresa Goodness

• Report on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness considered by Beaumont Landmark Commission.

Tyrrell Historical Library – Steven P. Lewis

• Report on activities of the Tyrrell Historical Library Association.

Photos of Historic Buildings - Steven P. Lewis

• Report on historic building photography project.

Sam Houston State Library – Don Smart

• Report on research projects conducted at the state library.

Tyrrell Park Coalition – Steven P. Lewis

• Report on status of plans by the City of Beaumont to renovate the Tyrrell Park Community Building built by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House Restoration – Bruce A. Hamilton

• Report on status of restoration of the historic home.

Military History – Kate Hambright

• Report on research projects.

World War I monument committee – Kate Hambright

• Report of progress of the WWI monument committee on the relocation project.

Beaumont Downtown Preservation Committee - Theresa Goodness

• Report of progress of the Beaumont Downtown Preservation Committee.

Historical Markers and Research - Kate Hambright

- Report on Status of Marker Applications/Dedications, including applications for the Pipkin School and the Gulf and Interstate Railroad.
- Report on Marker Survey/Maintenance.

• Discuss the statue of George O'Brien Millard, a prominent citizen known for helping develop the Beaumont public school system, which has been moved to the grounds of the Beaumont Art Museum.

History Appreciation:

- Report on current Courthouse Mini-museum exhibits and discussion of proposed exhibits. Linda McMahen
- Report on updates to JCHC website and social media. Jen Trenbeath
- Report on events at Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum. Don Smart
- Report on Coastal History. Jay Camp

Archeology Committee – Brenda Jackson

• Report on activities that promote the preservation of archeological resources.

<u>Cemetery Committee</u> – Paul Prosperie

- 9. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve authorizing Kate Hambright, Marker Chair, to make application on behalf of JCHC to the Veterans Administration for a corrected grave marker for WWI soldier George Shaw, interred at Evergreen Cemetery, who held the rank of Sergeant at the time of his death, rather than Private.
- 10. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve authorizing Kate Hambright, Marker Chair, to make application on behalf of JCHC to the Veterans Administration for a grave marker for Buffalo soldier Pvt. Jerry Lloyd, interred at Evergreen Cemetery in an unmarked grave per his death certificate and National Park Service records.
- 11. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve a committee tasked with coordinating with cemeteries, veteran's groups, and preservation partners for placement of any grave markers JCHC may receive from the Veterans Administration.
- 12. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve JCHC participation in the Magnolia Cemetery Memorial Day event to be held May 29, 2023.
- 13. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve JCHC participation in the historic Magnolia Cemetery Tour to be held in October, 2023.
 - Report on pending applications for Historic Texas Cemetery Designations, cemetery surveys, clean-up days or other similar activities.

• Report on THC Cemetery Inventory Project.

Courthouse and Sub-Courthouse Oversight Committee – Jen Trenbeath

• Report on status of Jefferson County Courthouse or Sub-Courthouse buildings.

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Theresa Goodness

- Report on status of Historic Resources Survey and Preservation Plan project being conducted under the National Park Service Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant.
- Report on status of any reviews under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of the State of Texas.

Other Business

14. Discussion on any other item not on agenda without taking action. Receive reports on matters of community interest from elected officials, staff, or members without taking action.

Adjournment