

HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes
August 8th 2019

The Harrison County Historical Commission (HCHC) is the county agency in Harrison County, Texas for historic preservation. Its mission is to assist the commissioners' court and the Texas Historical Commission (THC) in the preservation of our county's historical and cultural resources and to protect and preserve the county's historic and pre-historic resources for the use, education, enjoyment and economic benefit of present and future generations.

Members Present: Bill T. Whitis, Richard Magrill, Rose Mary Magrill, Ann Brannon, Marty Vaughan, Robert Wood, and Betsy Cadenhead.

Visitor(s) Present: Steve Horton and Roy McCarroll.

Medical Report: (See IV.E. for a report on Gail Beil).

I. Call to Order

Bill T. Whitis, chair, called the meeting to order on August 8th 2019 at 1:33 p.m. in the conference room of the T&P Depot Museum.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of July 11th 2019 were approved as distributed (and corrected).

III. County Budget Report

Bill Whitis reported that we have spent \$1,905 from the \$3,000 included in the county budget for the fiscal year running from October 2018 through September 2019 leaving a balance of \$1,095 remaining. The last day to secure a purchase order is September 6th and any purchase must be in hand by September

30th. Ann Brannon will work on the Lale Trail brochure to find new items to replace buildings that are now gone.

IV. The standing committee reports are as follows:

A. Archaeology

Tom Speir has given Betsy Cadenhead the name of a man who is interested in documenting dogtrot houses in the county. In order to have clear identification that Betsy is a member of the Harrison County Historical Commission she will get badge from Human Resources at the court house. Such badges cost \$5 each.

B. Archives

Bill Whitis reported that Commission member Audrey Kariel wants us to dig through our archives and find some interviews that she did some years ago. She asked especially about two on a rather long list. The two she was particularly interested in have been located.

C. Cemeteries

No report.

D. Education

No report. (Note: there will probably not be a county-wide History Fair this academic year although individual ISDs in the county may hold their own events.)

E. Historical Markers

Gail Beil. Gail has fractured her right leg near the hip and is recovering very well. She is now out of Marshall Manor and seems to be doing okay.

**F. Harrison County Historical Museum/
Inez Hatley Hughes Research Library**

The Historical Museum plans to move the Inez Hatley Hughes Research Library into its new home at the recently purchased Palace Cleaners Building on the 15th of August.

G. Information Technology

Facebook Page. Bill Whitis reported that our Facebook page now has 1,237 likes (we started the year with 261). However, he is running out of steam on writing and needs contributions. Otherwise our posts will be tapering off.

H. Oral History

Bill Whitis noted that our recorder is still in the possession of Gail Beil who borrowed it to do an interview with a nonagenarian of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church. He can get in her house whenever we need to retrieve it.

I. Preservation/Rosenwald Schools

No report.

J. Publications

Lale Trail. Bill Whitis gave Ann Brannon a copy of the Lale Trail brochure for her work in replacing its listings of buildings that have been torn down.

K. Tourism

No report.

L. Goals

No report.

M. Annual Preservation Awards

No report.

V. Partners in Preservation Reports

A. 1901 Courthouse

No report.

B. Texas & Pacific Depot Museum

Robert Wood reported that the Depot is getting a new tile roof. There will be a problem of how to get the heavy weight of the load of tiles across the railroad tracks to the building.

C. Starr Family Home State Historic Site

No report.

D. Michelson Museum of Art

Exhibits. The Michelson is hosting the Hoover Watercolor Society Traveling Exhibit from July 9th through August 30th .

E. Historic Landmark Preservation Board (HLPB)

No report.

F. Others (Sabine Farms, T.C. Lindsey Store, Main Street, Pemberton Heritage Center, colleges/schools, etc.)

T.C. Lindsay Store. Marty Vaughan reported that they are trying to stay cool. One of Dr. F.S. Vaughan’s medical bags has been taken off of a high shelf and examined. It contained some bottles with a Dr. Livingston’s name on them. The store has enclosed its old record books in a case. These books are fascinating and can used to research costs.

VI. Other

Marshall Visual Arts Center/ City Laundry Building.

No report.

VII. Administrative

No report.

VIII. Adjournment

The next meeting will be on September 12th 2019 at the T&P Depot Museum at 1:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

Submitted by Richard Magrill