

HARRISON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

January 14th 2021

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: Richard Magrill, Rose Mary Magrill, Susan Spears, Marty Vaughan, Steve Horton, Audrey Kariel (on speaker phone), Chris Gunstream and Barbara Judkins.

Visitor(s) Present:

Tom Speir's mother, Barbara Puffer Speir, died yesterday. Barbara Judkins chaired the meeting in his place.

I. Call to Order

Barbara Judkins, chair pro tem, called the zoom meeting to order on January 14th 2021 at 1:36 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the zoom meeting of November 12th 2020 were approved as distributed (and corrected).

III. County Budget Report

Barbara Judkins reported that from the \$4,000 included in the county budget for the fiscal year running from October 2020 through September 2021 we have \$3,706 remaining.

IV. The standing committee reports are as follows:

A. Archaeology

Barbara Judkins reported that work is ongoing regarding the dedication of the Young's Mill Pond historical marker.

B. Archives and Historic Survey

No report.

C. Cemeteries

No report.

D. Education

History Fair. The History Fair will be held from 8 a.m to 2 p.m. on January 23rd. Reports are that the entrants are excited about the fair. Please let Barbara Cox know if you can serve as a judge.

E. Historical Markers

Barbara Judkins reported that we have received the Hallsville Bank marker and will have to determine when to dedicate it. Julie Jameson is working on an unveiling cover for use when markers are dedicated. Maplecroft at the Starr Family Home State Historic cite is 150 years old today. Rose Mary Magrill reported that she had completed the application for a marker for Saint Paul Episcopal Mission in Leigh and that the application for Woodlawn Cemetery is almost finished.

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

Rose Mary Magrill reported that the formal opening for the museum's Harleton exhibit will open this month.

G. Information Technology

No report.

H. Oral History

No report.

I. Preservation/Rosenwald Schools

No report.

J. Publications

Barbara Judkins reported that she will be working on the Stagecoach Trace markers this coming Monday and that Gerry Gibson continues his work on the Stagecoach Trace brochure

K. Tourism

Barbara Judkins noted that ideas are needed on what to do with the Perkins Building in downtown Marshall. Susan Spears reported that the downtown renovations on North Washington have begun.

L. Goals

No report.

M. Annual Preservation Awards

Barbara Judkins solicited nominations for our annual preservation awards reminding the commissioners that the selections for the recipients of the awards must be made at the next meeting.

V. Partners in Preservation Reports

A. 1901 Courthouse

No report.

B. Texas & Pacific Depot Museum

No report.

C. Starr Family Home State Historic Site

Barbara Judkins reported that things are ongoing and this site looks forward to celebrating Maplecroft's 150th anniversary and the Fred Lewis marker dedication.

D. Michelson Museum of Art

No report.

E. Historic Landmark Preservation Board (HLPB)

See IV. M. Annual Preservation Awards (above)

HLPB is not meeting due to Covid.

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

T.C. Lindsay Store.

No report.

VI. Other

VII. Administrative

No report.

VIII. Adjournment

Barbara Judkins announced that the next meeting will be on March 11th 2021 at 1:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m. march 11th.

Submitted by Richard Magrill