

Minutes

Bexar County Historical Commission

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

100 Dolorosa, 2nd Floor

Double Height Courtroom

Approved: April 5, 2023

Attendance

Members:

Hector Cardenas

Joseph de León

Angelica Docog

Tim Draves

Alan Ernst

Michael Gallegos

Jesus R. (Corky) Rubio

Pauline Rubio

Associate Members:

Scott Baird

Robert Garcia

Gary Houston

Jack Reynolds

Virginia Rutledge

Jose Jimenez

Christopher Fullerton

Kay Hindes

Unable to Attend:

Jeremy Landin

Sue Ann Pemberton

Sharon Skrobareck

Mario Salas

David Carlson

Frank Faulkner

Brother Ed Loch, S.M.

Clinton McKenzie

Rick Reyes

Guests:

Scott Huddleston

Preciliana Cabral

Jan Fitts

Guillermo Osorio, Special

Projects Coordinator for the

Bexar County District Clerk's

Office

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M., followed by roll call, declaration of a quorum, and the introduction of guests. Guillermo Osorio commented on his role at the County Clerk's office.

II. The Historical Commission approved the minutes of the November meeting.

III. The Historical Commission approved a resolution allocating up to \$1,200 for registration for the two-session Baylor University interactive Oral History training for members and associates.

IV. The Historical Commission approved a resolution of support for the Old Spanish Trail Centennial Observation: "The Bexar County Historical Commission gladly endorses the Old Spanish Trail's 100-year reenactment of the March 24, 1924, placement of the zero-milestone marker at San Antonio City Hall. The Commission gladly joins the many San Antonio and Bexar County organizations in support of the celebration of this Centennial event. We look forward to assisting in bringing together the parade of wagons, vintage automobiles, and elected officials with hopes of drawing public attention to the community's transportation history."

V. The Historical Commission approved a resolution to allocate \$300 for a wreath for members and associates to present at the Alamo Pilgrimage to take place at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 2023.

VI. Angelica Dogog encouraged members to attend the opening of the Native American Center at 1616 E Commerce on March 24. She mention that there are suggestions for Asian-American Center, also. Ms. Docog encouraged the Historical Commission to revive involvement in National History Day.

VII. Alan Ernst reported on the submission of the THC Annual Report. For the future, it is important to keep a record of committee meetings. He will head up a review of the Historical Commission bylaws in coming months, and requests that members offer their input by July 1.

VIII. Tim Draves made the following appointments:

Angelica Docog and Alan Ernst as Co-Vice Chairs.

Associate Members

2023-2024
Jack Reynolds
Rick Reyes
Robert Garcia
Christopher Fullerton
Kay Hindes
Virginia Rutledge

Gary Houston
Scott Baird
Brother Ed Loch, S.M.
Clinton McKenzie
Jose Jimenez
Frank Faulkner
David Carlson

Committee Chairs:

Joseph de León— Historical Markers
Scott Baird— Cemeteries
Robert Garcia—Oral History
Sue Ann Pemberton—Historic Structures
Sharon Skrobarcek—History Appreciation
Jack Reynolds— Education
Frank Faulkner —Heritage Inventories
David Carlson— Archives and Libraries

Mr. Draves commended our former Vice-Chairman Dr. Paul Ringenbach for his transcription of his interviews with the former San Antonio Conservation Society president Joanna Parrish. He worked with Dr. Carey Lattimore as part of the Oral History effort, and his work resulted in a beautiful booklet that he asked to be presented to Dr. David Carlson for the Bexar County Archives collection. Lastly, Draves asked Angelica Docog to give a brief overview of what other communities are planning for the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence that will be July 4, 2026.

IX. Jack Reynolds reported for the Education Committee that he and “The Seed of Texas” managers are working with the Whiting Foundation to introduce 4th and 7th graders to various Bexar County historical sites through curricula aligned with TEKS. Social Studies District Coordinators are engaged in the project. Reviving our involvement with National History Day is a potential avenue for the committee. Angelica Docog, Joseph de León, Virginia Rutledge, and Paulina Rubio volunteered to serve on the committee. Virginia Rutledge relayed that a Trinity University Independent Study project will begin in the fall to analyze our existing Historical Markers narratives.

X. Joseph de León reported for the Markers Committee that THC approved Marker Inscriptions for the John William and Maria Curbelo Delgado Smith House, and Ruiz Jacob Chapel United Methodist Church markers. The Southeast side Arboretum will use the Republic Golf Course property and may require the relocation of the Battle of Rosillo Creek Marker. There is interest in pursuing an application for a marker for the Grant Elementary and Dunbar Middle School on Delgado St. as well as the Key Hole Club. New applications will arrive between March 1 and May 15. Mr. de León invited members to attend the Markers Committee meeting at 2:45 PM after adjournment of the Historical Commission that will focus on the Undertold Marker for the Pajalate Marker.

XI. The chair reminded members that a working knowledge of the By-laws is one of our responsibilities. He thanked everyone for their dedication to the heritage of Bexar County and called the next meeting on April 5. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 P.M.