



Bexar County Historical Commission
Bexar County Courthouse
100 Dolorosa #311
San Antonio, Texas 78205

Minutes

1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 7, 2018
Bexar County Courthouse, Double-Height Courtroom
Media Briefing Room

Commission Members in Attendance:

Angelica Docog
Tim Draves
Dr. Francis X. Galan
Mickey Killian
Clinton M. McKenzie
Dr. Amy Porter
Dr. Paul T. Ringenbach
Jesús R. (Corky) Rubio

Associate Members in Attendance:

Dr. Scott J. Baird
Gary W. Houston
José G. Jiménez
Brother Edward J. Loch, S.M.
Sharon Skrobarcek

Guests or County Representatives in Attendance:

Juliette Moke
Betty Bueché
Alan Ernst

A. Call to Order- 1:00 pm

B. Welcome

C. Approval of the October Minutes- motion to approve minutes by McKenzie, second by Docog; approved

D. Vote on funding FY-19 projects

See attachment D1 for details on the proposals.

Authorization of \$800 for San Antonio Regional History Day- motion from Galan and second from McKenzie; vote and motion passes unanimously.

Authorization of \$1500 for the Friends of Casa Navarro Scholarship- motion McKenzie, second Galan; vote and motion passes unanimously

Authorization of \$2000 for the research, interview and transcription of individuals by student assistants from Trinity University- motion Galan, second Killian; vote and motion passes unanimously

Authorization for \$500 for Texas State Historical Association for an exhibit table and electricity for the February annual meeting- motion Rubio, second Docog; vote and motion passes unanimously

McKenzie will send an email with proposal for his travel and expenses to attend and speak at awards ceremony of the Texas Historical Commission to seek reimbursement; the 300th Anniversary Celebration of Béjar: Historical GIS Story Map Projects was nominated for the excellence in media award by Bexar County for the Texas Historical Commission, and McKenzie will be there to represent the project

Upcoming projects that the BCHC is interested in funding: 1) Pamphlet by Gary Houston on Military Aviation Historical Sites in San Antonio; we don't know the expenses yet; seeking general approval so that Houston can begin research on the project 2) Tricentennial symposium will publish all of the papers in one booklet; motion for general approval for Gary Houston and Dr. Almaráz to proceed with the making of the booklet on military aviation and the publication of the Tricentennial papers; motion from McKenzie, second Galan; vote and motion passes unanimously

Ringebach says that if anyone has other proposals send them to him before the December 5 meeting.

Everyone will have the opportunity to be reappointed in the December 2018 Commissioners Court meeting to take office in January 2019. These are all two-year appointments. If you want to be reappointed, send an email to your commissioner and copy Rachel Ayala (Rayala@bexar.org), Paul Ringebach, and Juliette Moke saying that you would like to be reappointed to a two-year term beginning January 2019. It would be helpful to provide a bit of background information on your history on the BCHC.

E. Committee Reports-

1. Dr. Scott Baird, Cemetery Committee- THC has an atlas with much TxDOT information in it. From Bexar County, the THC wants an inventory from every cemetery. It will take two years or so to do this. Dr. Baird will meet with Betty Bueché to discuss acquiring workspace for this cemetery project. McKenzie is willing to help with this project subject to his availability.
2. Oral History- no report
3. Archives- Brother Loch- San Antonio Regional Archivists met at the Catholic Chancery, about 25 people attended. First, they elected officers. Mary Kenney of the Marianist Archives was elected President. Heather Ferguson of the San Antonio Public Library was elected Vice President. Katie Rojas will be the web person. Second, there are extra copies of the brochure printed by Bexar County. They will be used on Founders Day. More copies can be Xeroxed, and the brochure is available on the google site as a PDF. Third, Mary Kenney reported on attending a meeting in Boston on religious archives. Many orders of nuns are going out of existence, e.g. Missionary of St. Anthony in San Antonio. Three universities are willing to take their archives. In the North, the archives will go to Boston College, in the middle West Dominican University will take them, and in the west Santa Clara will take archives.

Fourth, individual archives gave reports. The Catholic Archives welcomed 250 people for its grand re-opening on September 18-19. NAMPUS has a Museum Curator History Class using it for Public History. Dr. Carlson spoke on the use of the Bexar Archives. St. Mary's University reported that the Laredo Archives are on the web. Matt Martin of the San Antonio Public Library spoke on coming events. At this point, Brother Loch had to leave, and the minutes from the meeting have not yet been printed.

Brother Loch attended an all-day workshop at St. Mary's University Sunday, October 21, 2018. It was entitled Dynamic Digital Methods for Integrating Local History into Public History Institutions and K-16 Classrooms. This was related to the Western History Association Convention. Presenters included: Rebecca Wingo on the Rondo Community of St. Paul, MN, Shannon Murrary on the Calgary Stampede, Joel Zapata on Chicano/a Activism in the South Plains (Lubbock/Midland/Odessa) from 1969-77, and Jason Hepler on how to set up a program to include using digital history, oral history, etc.

4. Historical Markers- see attachment E1
5. History Appreciation- Skrobarcek- See attached report.at F-1

McKenzie asked about reporting events that we attend representing BCHC. Ringenbach says to report it at meetings and can send it to Skrobarcek to report as part of Historical Appreciation.

Farm Day is this Saturday at Mission San Juan, and there will be events for children and adults.

Bueché said that when Moke moves to her new office, her current office will be set aside as workspace for BCHC. We need to say what we need in that space.

F. Comments from Committee members and guests

McKenzie- BCHC supported a panel at the Texas Archaeological Society Annual Meeting in San Antonio that focused on San Antonio archaeology. There were over 125 people in attendance, and there was a public thanking of commissioners for their support. McKenzie wants to thank the commissioners for their support. Houston asked if the historical commission should provide input on the Alamo plans. Bueché said that the County judge was asked to provide feedback and did, but the feedback was not accepted. Ringenbach noted that in the future we can provide input to the judge in our advisory capacity.

Killian asked about the report on the Native Americans. Bueché said it will be on the December meeting agenda. This is to recommend places to name after Native Americans and was requested by Commissioner Rodriguez.

Baird said that years ago Theresa Gold was a member of the Oversight Committee for San Pedro Creek. He asks if anyone else would like to serve in this position. McKenzie and Porter are possibly willing to participate. Bueché recommends that McKenzie serve on the interpretive program committee.

G. A reminder for all members to prepare their inputs for Dr. Almaraz in December to include in the annual report to the Texas Historical Commission

H Adjourn- 2:20 pm

FY-19 PROPOSED PROGRAMS FOR FUNDING

1. **FY-19 Support of Historical Associations (\$1100)**

As a general rule, the Bexar County Historical Commission will provide some financial support to the Texas State Historical Association annual meeting (not to exceed \$500) and other state or national historical organizations that hold their annual conferences or meetings in Bexar County. Sometimes the Commission will support related fields' annual meetings such as archaeology and genealogy when held in San Antonio. All such support will be subject to a full vote by the Commission members and subsequently by Commissioners Court.

(This item reserves the funds, but does not constitute approval of specific grants. Proposals to fund individual conferences and meetings must be presented to the Commission for approval and then to Commissioners Court for its approval.)

2. **FY-19 Education and Training for BCHC Members (\$1800)**

The Bexar County Historical Commission is made up of volunteers who serve at the pleasure of the Bexar County Commissioners Court. Over any given year, the members (Appointed and Associates) are called upon to participate in activities where there are participation costs involved. Normally, the Commission Chairman approves the attendance or participation in such events where the individual represents the Commission. In such cases, the Commission pays the full registration, required hotel stays, and in some cases, the transportation for the selected individual. The Commission will pay the one-day registration fee for any individual who wishes to attend such events for one day. Occasionally, the Texas Historical Commission or a similar body will hold a training session on such subjects as markers and historic cemeteries where the Chairman believes that attendance will benefit the Commission. In such cases, the Commission will pay the registration or required fees. Participation costs in excess of \$100 must be approved by Commissioners Court. Participation costs less than \$100 may be approved by the Commission Chair.

3. **Richard Curilla. (\$200).**

Honorarium for program presented to the BCHC

4. **San Antonio Regional History Day. February 2019. (\$800)**

Bexar County Historical Commission support of the San Antonio Regional History Day by funding individual and group awards to participating students as determined by the SARHD Committee.

5. **Friends of Casa Navarro Scholarship (\$1500).**

The Commission will sponsor a \$1500 scholarship that the Friends of Casa Navarro will present to one of the winning student essays that the Friends will select. Presentation to be made on February 24, 2019.

6. **BCHC Oral History Committee: Research, Interview and Transcription of individuals by student assistants (\$2000).**

The individuals to be interviewed will be approved by the Oral History Committee and the program will be administered by Trinity University (Dr. Carey Latimore IV)

Attachment E1: Historical Markers Committee Report

1.) Marker applications reviewed, approved and submitted to THC.

a. Shiner House

Special recommendation to Professor Jose Jimenez for his Comprehensive evaluation of the architectural exterior of the original structure for eligibility for a recorded Texas Historic Landmark marker. (property located in Monte Vista Historic District)

b. Charles F. A. Hummel House (King William Historic District)

c. Robert B. Green subject marker commentary

The work of former Bexar County Judge Robert B. Green in the development of the Robert B. Green Hospital, (903 W. Martin St.)

2.) Marker Narratives approved by THC

a. St. Hedwig Community

b. Old Mexican Village (Sunken Tea Garden Historic District)

c. Old Polish Community (Hemisfair Park, text pending approval by municipal historic review and Design Commission)

Felix D. Almaraz, Jr., Ph.D
Chair, Markers Committee

Attachment F-1: **HISTORY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT (In
separate file due to size of file)**