



## Minutes Bexar County Historical Commission

Wednesday, January 5, 2022  
100 Dolorosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Double Height Courtroom

### Attendance

#### Members:

Joseph de León  
Hector J Cardenas  
Angelica Docog  
Tim Draves  
Alan Ernst  
Mickey Killian  
Jesus R. (Corky) Rubio  
Mario Salas

#### Associate Members:

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

#### Guests:

Christopher Fullerton  
Robert Garcia  
Mark Gonzalez

#### Unable to Attend:

Dan Arellano  
Michael Gallegos  
Frank Faulkner  
Virginia Rutledge

- I. Call to Order at 1:02 P.M., Roll Call, declaration of a quorum in accordance with the bylaws and Texas Local Government Code Section 318. Introduction of guests; approval of December minutes. Tim Draves announced the appointment of Virginia Rutledge as an Associate Member.
- II. Mark Gonzalez presented the history of the 1910 Medina River Bridge and asked for assistance with application for a THC Historical Marker. Questions arose regarding a bridge inventory for the county and sponsorship for a marker. Angelica Docog recommended using social media to promote the project particularly among potential young history researchers. Sue Ann Pemberton, Joseph De Leon, David Carlson, and Gary Houston offered to follow up on the project.
- III. Joseph De Leon reported that the Historical Markers Committee is developing a plan for the year. The Robert B. Green marker is ready to ship. The Henry Porterfield Roberts marker has been approved and paid for. We received a request RTHL from Regina Moya for a property located at 202 King William Street. The committee will consider projects for markers at *Campo Santo* and for the City Cemetery in 2022.
- IV. Sue Ann Pemberton Historic Sites and Structures continues to see cell phone tower construction intruding on heritage sites. The committee will help with the Medina Bridge marker because it is a Historic Structure.
- V. Archives Committee— no report

- VI. Scott Baird reported that the Cemetery Committee is working with a cemetery in Leon Valley. A cemetery historic cemetery designation requires a simple assessment: confirm cemetery GPS coordinates and determine there at least one grave older than 50 years. Frank Faulkner has done “amazing research” to collaborate the cemetery lists from five historical societies into an inventory of Bexar Cemeteries. The members and associates will receive the inventory via email. Clinton McKenzie, the Sexton of the 1854 Alamo Masonic Cemetery, described the Sandra West tomb and various grave markers. The *Campo Santo* historic cemetery designation does not require approval of the property owners; a marker could be placed just off the property if necessary.
- VII. Oral History and Social Media—no report.
- VIII. Historical Appreciation— no report.
- IX. Surveys and Inventories—no report.
- X. Angelica Docog noted all members and associates received an email on January 5 from THC promoting a preservation workshop on February 2. The City of San Antonio has formed a Cultural Advisory Committee that will develop a Cultural Context Statement. Perhaps BCHC should draft a comparable statement to reinforce Bexar County’s commitment to honoring the legacy of the community’s past.
- XI. Alan Ernst commented that the busiest time for the management of the BCHC begins now with the THC Annual Report. He reminded members and associates to report hours, miles, and dollars spent. The archives work resulted in finding two Bexar County Historical Commission banners which staff displayed in the meeting room. Gary Houston reminded the group that the SAPL Texana and Genealogy Room holds the records from the 1970s to late 1990s.
- XII. Comments
- Clinton McKenzie reported that a renowned group of battlefield experts, the American Veterans Archaeological Recovery (AVAR) has joined UTSA-CAR to redouble efforts begun by Dan Arellano and others to establish a definitive site of the Battle of Medina.
- Hector Cardenas mentioned that investigations continue to locate military artillery pieces (ca. 1835-1836) with the some historical evidence coming from Mary Maverick (1818-1898) who said such artifacts lay on the San Antonio River bed.
- Tim Draves thanked Alan Ernst and Bexar Staff for establishing an official Bexar County Historical Commission email account for BCHC business to replace the old gmail account. All communication regarding the commission should use [bhcchair@bexar.org](mailto:bhcchair@bexar.org). *The Medallion* from THC is available, but members and associates need to request a subscription. *The Medallion* is a terrific opportunity to regularly highlight BCHC activity. Bexar County will not sponsor the Women’s Symposium discussed at the October meeting but may be involved in 2023. The THC Annual Meeting is Real Places, and the Commission may budget for attendance in 2023. Finally, Draves recognized the service anniversaries of Hector Cardenas (January 2020), Alan Ernst (January, 2019), and Jose Jimenez (January, 2015).
- XIII. The meeting adjourned at 2:14 P.M. after the announcement of the next meeting February 2, 2022.