

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2016**

Commissioners present: Jerry Brundrett, Veronika Camehl, Kathie Gribble, June Gregory, Linda Garcia Haynes, Collin Jackson, Letha Kieffer, Cassandra Perkins, Betty Stiles, Pam Stranahan, and Carol Thompson.

Commissioners absent: Sandra Gregory Bridges, Geoff Bywater, Betty Collier, Gail Johnston

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the History Center to order at 5:15 pm and declared a quorum was present.

2. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD:** There were none.

3. **Minutes—Linda Garcia**

After a motion by Veronika and a second by Letha, the minutes of the regular meeting of January 14, 2016, and special meeting of February 17, 2016, were unanimously approved, and the special meeting minutes of March 2, 2016, were tabled.

4. **Treasurer's Report—Letha Kieffer**

Letha discussed March-April finances and reported that \$1,000.64 has been spent to date.

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Veronika and a second by Betty Stiles.

5. **May 2016 Preservation in History Month:**

After a motion by Veronika and a second by Pam, it was unanimously approved to submit for approval to Commissioners' Court at its next meeting, a Proclamation declaring National Preservation & History Month in May, 2016.

6. **Committee Reports**

A. Executive—Carol Thompson

All the new commissioners were introduced. June and Sandra will be introduced at next Commissioners' Court as new commissioners. Linda will order name tags.

Carol reminded everyone of the need to keep their volunteer hours.

Presentation from Collin on proposed volunteer recruitment strategy and committee restructuring. He handed out a proposed organizational chart for the commission showing the Executive Committee and the six other committees.

B. Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan

Pam discussed the status of the Windstorm Exemption Program and reiterated that the historic structure must be over 50 years and meet all the requirements. Once a structure has been given that exemption, it is tagged "not to be demolished" in a disaster and the files are kept with the Rockport Buildings Department.

Pam reported on the FOHC Board activities and upcoming events—specifically the current one which is the 1845 Annexation of Texas.

Carol handed out a flyer from the THC Workshop she attend that was held on April 22, 2016, showing THC recommendations concerning the role of a CHC appointee. Pam had charts ready, and discussion on the various categories and committees followed with those volunteering to serve on one or more. When all had been assigned, Pam said she would compile the list and furnish it to everyone.

C. Historical Markers & Endangered Properties

Regarding 2016 markers, Casterline and AF Radar Station are currently pending.

Markers to be considered for submission in 2017 include: Fulton Fire Station (Carol); Lamar Fire Station (Betty S); Hunt House (Pam); and Klines (Collin).

D. Finance and Budget—Letha Kieffer

There was discussion on the 2017 budget and the probably need to increase it by \$2,000. Betty Stiles commented that after she had talked with one of the County Commissioners maybe marker costs could be funded from county HOT funds. *After a motion from Veronika and a second by Linda, it was unanimously approved to request county HOT funds for markers.*

E. Public Relations/Outreach—Cassandra

Cassandra volunteered to work on social media.

F. Collections

Letha reported that more work was needed at the vault on the oral histories (almost 100). Other organizations also doing oral histories include: Aransas County Historical Society, Friends of the History Center, Texas Maritime Museum, Rockport Art Center, and the Episcopal Church. This would be a great cross reference companion source.

G. Cemeteries

There was discussion on the cemetery books currently kept at the History Center. It was agreed that these books should be updated at least every five years.

7. **Old Business:**

Brief report given on the THC Orientation held on April 22 and 23, 2016.

8. **New Business:**

After some discussion, ***a motion was made by June and seconded by Cassandra to use the County's seal/logo for use on business cards and stationary for commission members. Motion carried.***

9. The next regular meeting will be held in late summer or early fall at 5:15 pm.

10. Motion to adjourn from Veronika and second by Pam at 6:45 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda García, Secretary