

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC) - May 2009 Minutes
(to be approved at the next meeting)

May 11, 2009 4:00 PM at the Rockport School in the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) Lab; **Linda Valdez presided.**

Commissioners Present: Sally Reynolds; Pam Wheat-Stranahan; Bubba Casterline; Carol Keller; Janie White; Asa Yeamans; Linda Garcia; Jim Smarr, and Roberta Sherer
Quorum was declared.

The February 4, 2009 Minutes were read and approved.

ACHC meeting date change: *Sept. 2nd meeting changed to **September 9th, Wednesday***. The place will be determined later. After the meeting, Commissioner Jay Tarkington will take the commission on a boat trip where history meets ecology and marine life.

Dec. 2nd, Wednesday, 4PM @Lab meeting has not changed.

Commissioner *Mary Hood*, Center for the Arts Representative, has resigned because she is leaving Rockport. The Center will be recommending names for her replacement.

Commissioner *Sally Reynolds*, Maritime Museum Representative, has a 2 year term. She was introduced.

The 2008 ACHC Commission report has been written and compiled into 2 parts. It was reviewed and sent to Judge Mills.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

To date- May 11th - balance \$3,396.98 ----- Asa provided a flow sheet of monthly expenses. The Visionaries in Preservation (VIP) Program and the newly appointed Commissioner's name tags accrued expenses. The VIP expenses will be recorded, separately, in future reports. The ACHS has \$865.30 of Commission funds.

VIP Update – Pam Wheat- Stranahan

Pam gave info on the remaining meetings agenda. The May, June, and July programs will be expertise action planning/informational.

May 13th- *Hurricanes and the Historic Community: How to Prepare*

Speaker from Galveston Historical Foundation will speak.

June 10th- Spokesman from Beeville, Texas will discuss incentives for downtown renovation.

July 8th- Architect from Texas Historical Commission will explain how to design builds to be compatible with history and the present.

August 12th- Plan implementation- Committees will identify goals with time lines and who will be responsible for goals.

September 23rd- Plan Presentations/Celebration- The Fulton Mansion, Wednesday @ 5:30 PM will be the festivities.

ACHC Website- aransascounty.org - We are listed under Aransas County entities. **Thank you to Linda Garcia** for moving us into the electronic age.

Now, one is able **to check meeting dates, read the latest minutes,** and learn about the Commission on line. **Please, read/copy minutes to eliminate the reading/distribution at the meetings.** When questions arise, discussion will ensue.

Old Business

Collections Procedure and Policies - Janie White provided the description of the Loan Agreement between the ACHS and the ACHC. The vault keys were defined during the discussion. The ACHC Secretary, Roberta Sherer, will keep the key for the Commission. Jim Smarr made a motion to accept: ***The Loan Agreement Between the ACHS and the ACHC; ACHS Collections Policy and Procedure, and the Acquisition Form. It was second and passed unanimously.***

Fulton Mansion Model – Roberta Sherer reported that it is in the City of Fulton's Old School House where meetings take place. The donor/builder, Mr. Tom Swenson, agreed to the site. The City of Fulton is happy to have the replica.

Fulton-Bruhl House - Janie White reported that Linda Foss was advised by the trust attorney to resign from the VIP Program because of conflict of interest. She is permitting the ACHS to use the house for the Heritage Day celebration on May 23rd.

Women's Club Marker – Pam Wheat-Stranahan reported the marker is approved and we are waiting for the item to be delivered. Upon delivery, a date will be set for the dedication ceremony.

New Business

Rockport needs a museum to house local historical artifacts. Discussion: find a house and move it to a site donated by the City, County, or whomever; be in the new court house; be in the old court house when or if it is vacated; or an empty building in the area.

The vault needs surveyed to know what we have for a museum or historical displays to put about town. This work will be forth coming.

Texas Historical Commission is responsible for ***The Tropical Trails*** in the state. May 19th at the Port Aransas new museum will be a program about the trails.

May 23rd is Rockport's Heritage Day at the Fulton-Bruhl House from 2-4 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Roberta Sherer
Secretary

Next meeting – September 9th, Wednesday, time/place to be announced

