

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)

September 2009 – Minutes

September 9, 2009 3:00 PM at the Rockport School in the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) Lab; **Pam Stranahan-Wheat presided.**

Commissioners Present: Phil Albin; Bubba Casterline; Carol Keller; Sally Reynolds; Roberta Sherer; Janie White; Asa Yeamans.

A Quorum was declared.

Minutes of June 23, 2009, were approved.

Treasurer's Report – Asa Yeamans

Balance \$2,436.31 – A flow sheet of expenses was provided by Asa.

Collections – Janie White

The update of the historical artifacts collections procedures: Key to the vault will be kept by Linda Garcia in Judge Mill's Office. Those eligible to sign out the key are: Linda Valdez, Janie White, Jennifer Rogers, and Roberta Sherer. There will be at least two (2) people in the vault and they must be knowledgeable in the handling of the artifacts.

VIP (Visionaries in Preservation) Update – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

September 23rd is the final VIP event celebration at the Fulton Mansion 5:30 PM. It will be the presentation of the plan to the town of Fulton, City of Rockport, and Aransas County.

Chairs of the committees are, currently, meeting to work on their goals. Pam will report their progress quarterly to the ACHC.

Review Commissioners Terms to be filled for 2010 –

Bubba Casterline made a *motion if those Commissioners whose terms are up in 2009 and they wish to continue on the Commission may do so.* It was seconded and approved.

After checking the Commission by-laws, the vote was not needed.

Article III. Membership, Section Three in the ACHC By-laws state: *Terms shall be limited to two consecutive terms. An individual may be re-appointed after sitting out one two year term.*

This is a transitional year to set term limits. The 2009 people may be reappointed by the Court if they want to stay on the Commission. Then the 2010 Commissioners will be off for 2 years & if they wish, may apply for reappointment.

Old Business

Historical Markers – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Pam researched and prepared the application for the *Fulton Community Church* to get a historical marker. The document was reviewed by the group. Sally Reynolds made a *motion to send the application to the Texas Historical Commission.* It was seconded and approved.

The *Adolph Bracht house*, on Magnolia & across from the old HEB, is being researched for a historical marker.

Buildings endanger are: the 1870 *Fulton Bruhl House*, across from the Chamber, and *St. Peter's Episcopal Church* is for sale which was built from sailing vessels timber.

Janie White is in the process of updating the *Historical Markers List* and suggested people be assigned to maintain the plaques. Sally Reynolds will ask the Genealogy Society if they would participate in the marker program.

Phil Albin suggested publicity (meeting's, newspaper articles, and programs) to educate the community about Historical Markers and encourage people to want a marker.

New Business

Pam Wheat-Stranahan presented the *Windstorm Exception Program for Historical Properties in Aransas County (WEP - AC)*. In 1997, the Texas State Legislature (Code: Title 28, Part 1, Chapter 5, Subchapter E, Division 1) was instituted. It provides for the exemption of historical buildings from meeting the current code requirements which could alter the historical character of a building that occurred during a storm.

WEP - AC document listed the conditions to be met to get the exception and the procedure to follow to apply.

Phil Albin made *a motion that ACHC will serve as the legal county authority of the WEP - AC*. The motion was 2nd and passed.

Pam will take forward to the City of Rockport and Fulton will decide what they want to do.

Windshield Survey - VIP

David Murrah, VIP Chair Historical Survey, with the task force and volunteers will begin in Old Rockport neighborhood identifying houses which are of historical significance and gather info on them.

Aransas First - would like a liaison from ACHC to be on their Board. Nominees will be taken.

ACHC By-Laws – Pam Wheat-Stranahan

According to our by laws, meetings are twice a year---January & November.

Cancel December 2nd meeting.

The next meeting: November 18th at 4 PM @ the Lab.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Sherer

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Secretary