

Aransas County Historical Commission (ACHC)
November 18, 2009 - Minutes

November 18, 2009 4:00 PM meeting at the Rockport School in the Aransas County Historical Society (ACHS) lab; **Linda Valdez presided.**

Commissioners Present: Bubba Casterline, Linda Garcia, Carol Keller, Sally Reynolds, Jackie Shaw, Roberta Sherer, Jim Smarr, Pam Wheat-Stranahan, and Asa Yeamans (late).

Not Present: Phil Albin, Richard Dias, Jay Pace, Jay Tarkington, and Janie White. Quorum was declared.

September 9, 2009 minutes were approved.

Treasurer' Report - Asa Yeamans

Balance \$1,167.99 - Asa was late and provided a flow sheet of expenses.

Oct. 12, 2009 Executive Committee Report - Linda Valdez

Term limits were inserted into the by-laws to secure a system for new member participation. To begin the system, there was a drawing in Jan. 2009; Commissioners drawing 1 year term may up. Commissioners Asa Yeamans, Jay Tarkington, and Phil Albin have decided not to up to another year.

There is a preliminary list for new members: Diane Dupnik, Carol Cauley, Pastor T. Elliott, Ann Schick, Sandy Garrison, Gwen Lumpkin, and Janet Taylor. The Art Center will submit a name. Linda Valdez will contact the candidates and ask them to answer 3 questions pertaining to serving on the Commission.

**Texas Historical Marker Program Update -
Roberta Sherer Reports -**

The Woman's Club of Aransas County Building Texas Historical Marker Dedication will be on Nov. 30, Monday, 11:30 AM@ 1104 E. Concho. The Navigation District will install the marker.

Pam Wheat-Stranahan Reports -

The Fulton Community Church- 215 N. 3rd St. - application has been received by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). They are requesting the one hundred (\$100.00) dollar fee.

The Adolph Bracht House - 409 N. Magnolia - application was discussed; motion made by Jackie Shaw; second; and approved to send the documents to THC requesting a Historical marker.

VIP Phase II Update - Pam Wheat-Stranahan

The Minutes from the October 19, 2009 meeting of the Task Force Chairs is attached. There have been accomplishments since the meeting:

Historical Survey - has sent teams into the field to survey the buildings in the Old Rockport area. The collected data is being processed.

Private Enterprise - arranged for staff from THC to meet with property owners about preservation/renovations.

Heritage Tourism - will have a historical slide show program, in Dec., for 4th graders and presenters will wear vintage attire.

Education and Communication - needs more members.

Budget - has requested chairs to estimate funds needed.

Public Policy - Jim Smarr

The Rockport-Futon Chamber requested ACHC to partner with them for a Visitor's Center/Museum Building. Jim Smarr made a motion to explore this proposal from the Chamber. It was second and approved. Linda Valdez, Roberta Sherer, and Asa Yeamans will represent ACHC on the Exploratory Committee with the Chamber.

Old Business

Fulton Records Backup - Sally Reynolds

Fulton does not have backup for their records. The Director of the Texas State Library will be consulted on how to preserve the city records.

Aransas First Liaison - Linda Garcia will be the ACHC liaison.

Windstorm Update - Pam Wheat-Stranahan

Fulton is reviewing the resolution for ACHC to be their agent for the **Windstorm Exception Program for Historical Properties in Aransas County (WEP - AC)**.

Rockport passed the resolution for ACHC to be their **WEP - AC** agent. There are three applications for the program.

New Business

ACHC Website - Discussion of items for the ACHC website. Linda Valdez, Pam Wheat-Stranahan, Roberta Sherer, and Linda Garcia will meet in December to formulate plans for the site.

Fulton-Bruhal House - a Texas Historical Marker Building- has been sold to Anne and Jeff Hunt. They plan to restore the abode and build their residence behind it. After the restoration, the Hunts plan to open the house for events.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary