

**ARANSAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

Commissioners present: Sandra Gregory Bridges, Jerry Brundrett, Betty Collier, June Gregory, Linda Garcia Haynes, Gail Johnston, Pam Stranahan, Carol Thompson, and Commissioners' Court Liaison, Betty Stiles

Commissioners absent: Mike Geer, Barbara Gurtner (another meeting), Veronika Camehl, and Janet Taylor

Guests Present: None

1. Chair Carol Thompson called the meeting at the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum to order at 5:15 pm, declared a quorum was present.

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

3. **Minutes—Linda Garcia Haynes**

The meeting scheduled and posted for May 3, 2017, was cancelled and rescheduled due to lack of a quorum.

After a motion by Jerry Brundrett and a second by June Gregory, minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 2017, were unanimously approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report—**

Cassandra Perkins resigned due to moving away.

Pam reported on meeting with the Auditor's office—she and Carol will be authorized to countersign receipts for any funds expended until a new Treasurer is appointed next year. Hannah Hawes was sent the appropriate form to be registered as a Vendor. Thus far, only \$1,000 has been spent. Discussed covering cost of sending any members interested in attending the Fall South Texas Historical Symposium in Kingsville on November 10-11 at the Jon Conner Museum on the Campus of TX A&M University.

Revised ACHC Budget for 2017 was presented—no change in total amount—just moved/changed line items.

Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved after a motion by Betty Collier and a second by June Gregory.

5. **Committee Reports/Action Items:**

A) **Executive—Carol Thompson/Pam Stranahan/Linda Garcia Hayes**

Carol reported that Andy Rhodes, Editor of The Medallion, will be coming to Aransas County and wants to meet to discuss historic buildings damaged and markers missing and also meet with the Maritime Museum. Pam said if he already had not done so, he should contact Kathy Roberts-Douglass at the TMM.

B. **Preservation and Public Policy—Pam Stranahan/Angalee Morano, Hannah Hawes**

No. Report at this time.

C. **Historical Markers & Endangered Properties—Pam Stranahan/Mike Geer/Betty Stiles**

Betty Stiles reported that Crowder Gulf was in Lamar working hard on debris removal. However, she suggested that the re-dedication of the Lamar D'Bois marker be moved to early next year. It was also suggested that since we have upcoming dedications for both Fulton and Lamar Fire Departments, we could combine the two Lamar dedications with a separate one for Fulton VFD. Everyone agreed that would work well.

Pam reported that the RH Wood-Hunt House marker application had been resent to THC and would most likely be approved this time.

Pam reported that three markers were missing: Port Bay Hunting and Fishing Club (off FM 1069), Frandolig Island (Key Allegro), and the San Antonio Aransas Pass Railroad (on Magnolia Street by the old depot She would get with Mike Probst to see if he would publish a story on the missing markers to see if anyone knows where they are.

In addition, the marker post for Mills Wharf was bent. Also the four markers at the Courthouse have to be removed and stored. The cost to replace the missing markers would be \$1,800 apiece for a total of \$5,400. The cost to repair the Mills Wharf marker post would be approximately \$250. The cost to move the damaged marker and the four Courthouse markers would be approximately \$1000-\$1,350

After a motion by Pam Stranahan and a second by Jerry Brundrett, it was unanimously approved to grant the County permission to move and store the damaged marker and Courthouse markers.

A Motion was made by Betty Collier and seconded by Pam Stranahan to place on Agenda of Commissioners' Court for the ACHC to obligate 2017 funds for 2018 of up to \$7,000 to allow for marker repair and replacement. Motion unanimously approved.

D. Finance and Budget—

No report at this time. Will elect new Treasurer after first of next year.

E. Public Relations/Outreach—Carol Thompson/Betty Stiles

1) Carol advised that the calendars would need to be paid for before the first of the year.

2) Andy Rhodes, Editor of The Medallion, will be coming to the TMM on November 9th and wants to discuss historical buildings and markers destroyed or missing.

3) Pam reported that the South Texas Historical Association Symposium will be held in Spring, 2018 here in Aransas County. Co-sponsors include the AC Historical Society, Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion, Daughters of Republic of Texas and Topic is World War I. Will need to set a place, engaging partners, and finding caterer. Will probably set up at the Fulton Fire Department which has the most space.

A motion was made by Pam Stranahan and seconded by Sandra Gregory Bridges to approve assisting and co-sponsoring the Symposium. Motion carried.

F. Collections—Carol Thompson/Betty Stiles/Hannah Hawes

There was discussion that Hannah Hawes had completed 21 and a half hours from July to August on Historic Research Data Entry. There was discussion on the Aransas County Oral History Project and a handout (attached hereto) from Pam Stranahan of interviews and commentaries from May-August 2017

After a motion by Gail Johnston and a second from Linda Garcia Haynes, it was unanimously approved to digitize the Oral History Project.

G. Cemeteries—June Gregory/Sandra Gregory Bridges/Betty Stiles

No report at this time.

6. Old Business - None

7. New Business –

1) Presently recruiting for docents for Tour of Homes at Heritage Place on Sunday, November 5th from 1-5pm.

2) Good Morning America will be here on Friday, November 3rd.

8. Next Meeting Date and Time:

The next meeting will be Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 5:15 at the Fulton Schoolhouse Museum.

9. Adjournment:

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was made by Sandra Gregory Bridges and seconded by Linda Garcia Haynes at 6:10 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Garcia Haynes, Secretary

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2		revised ACHC BUDGET for 2017	BUDGET
3		proposed for Nov. 1 CHC meeting	
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5		HISTORICAL MARKERS	
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7		Filing fee for new markers 3 @ \$100	300.00
8		Commission portion of marker fee 3 @ \$900	2,700.00
9		Dedication of marker 3 @ 200	600.00
10		rededicate Lamar, VFD - Lamar, Fulton	
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12		EDUCATION OUTREACH	
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14		School calendars & rewards	1,000.00
15		Oral history - digitize and data entry <<\$100	1,600.00
16		Historical survey data entry <<\$4,000	2,500.00
17		Training (workshops)	500.00
18			
19		MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS	
20			
21		TX Tropical Trails Membership	225.00
22		Am Assoc State & Local Hx	115.00
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24		OFFICE	
25		Mail Box rental at Rockport Mail Center	60.00
26		Printing/office supplies (including postage)	400.00
27			
28			10,000.00

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Aransas County Oral History Project

Interviews of past chairs for R-F Chamber of Commerce

May - August 2017

13 people were interviewed by Pam Stranahan and video-taped by Phil Stranahan in digital format. Interviews generally lasted 15-20 minutes. The entire interview was saved to thumb drive for Friends of the History Center archive.

Additional interviews and commentaries were made by Diane Probst. These are also archived.

The selected portions of the interviews were chosen by Diane Probst and edited by Phil Stranahan to create a program that was presented to a past chairmen's luncheon on August 18, 2017. It was attended by approximately 30 people. This program lasted 90 minutes.

All interviews (original, edited and program) are archived in the Friends of the History Center collections. Also included in archive is list of all chairs, talking points for each chair, and consent agreement for each live interview.

Submitted October, 2017.

Pam Stranahan