MINUTES
BEXAR COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024
HR TRAINING ROOM
211 S. FLORES

In Attendance       Absent
Blinda Gavallos, Chair      Mario Salas
Alan Ernst       Joseph De Leon
Jesus (Corky) Rubio      Angelica Docog
Pauline Rubio      Michael Gallegos
Sue Ann Pemberton      Geremy Landin

Associate Members in Attendance
Gary W. Houston
Jack Reynolds
Rickey Reyes
Robert Garcia

1. Meeting was Called to Order at 2:01 and a quorum was declared.
2. Chair Gavallos introduced herself and her background. She reminded us that we serve at the pleasure of Bexar County Commissioners Court and as such we serve the people of Bexar County. We will observe Roberts Rules of Order. It was recommended that we inform the Commissioner that appointed us of our decision either way to continue to remain on the commission or step down. The Chair recognized Associate Members, thanked them for their commitment, time and energy, and encouraged them to become voting members and submitting an application to their precinct commissioner.

Ms. Gavallos outlined plans and activities and that there is an need for a commission member to monitor the City Office of Historic Preservation meetings and asked for interested in being the representative.

Each member of the commission will need to be registered as a vendor with the county if they ever need to be reimbursed.

Chair Gavallos listed events planned on her own agenda including attending the Texas Historical Commission meeting regarding the Texas Pavilion (ITC) nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. She will be meeting with Wilson and Atascosa County Historical Commission on an upcoming Camino Reales event.

There was discussion about annual reports to be submitted the Texas Historical Commission and when the last report was submitted. It was confirmed that reports had been submitted 2021 and 2022.
The Chair asked Alan Ernst to continue as Vicechair and Sue Ann Pemberton to serve as Secretary.
Discussion regarding membership continued. It was noted that resignations had been received from Hector Cardenas and Sharon Skrobarcek. The passing of Daniel Arevalo was acknowledged.

3. There were no Guests in attendance.
4. Minutes from the 6 December 2023 meeting were approved with correction.
5. Committee Reports
   a. Historical Markers – No report – Committee chair De Leon was absent
   b. History Appreciation – No report – Committee chair Skrobarcek had resigned
   c. Oral History – It was stated that a UTSA intern had information needed to be retrieved
   d. Historic Sites and Structures – Committee chair Pemberton stated that no review requests had been submitted and that the Registered Texas Historical Landmarks of Bexar County Report (114 structures) had been submitted at the December meeting
   e. Cemetery – No report, Committee chair Scott Baird had attended in December

Commissioner Pauline Rubio questioned the Education Committee not being listed. It was pointed out the five listed committees are per THC. Education activities should be included under other committees such as History Appreciation.

6. A motion was made and approved to Underwrite the Registration for THC Real Places Conference April 3-5. Chair Gavallos would be attending and others were welcome to attend as well.

7. A motion was made by Ernst and second made by Corky Rubio and approved to source a quote for the digitizing of BCHC cassettes and VHS.

8. There was discussion of revision of Bylaws/Guidelines. Ernst explained the difference, proposed a preparation of a new set for review.

9. Future meetings were discussed and set the next meeting for 5 February at 2:00 pm.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 3:30
Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Sue Ann Pemberton, Acting Recording Secretary