

Bexar County Historical Commission

August 2, 2023

Minutes

Members Attending

Hector Cardenas
Angelica Docog
Tim Draves
Alan Ernst
Mickey Killian
Jeremy Landin
Sue Ann Pemberton
Corky Rubio
Pauline Rubio

Associates Attending:

David Carlson
Christopher Fullerton
Robert Garcia
Brother Ed Loch
Jack Reynolds
Rick Reyes
Gary Houston

Unable to Attend:

Joseph de León
Michael Gallegos
Frank Faulkner
Scott Baird
Kay Hinds
Jose Jimenez
Mario Salas
Virginia Rutledge
Sharon Skrobarcek
Clinton McKenzie

Guests: General Consul Rubén Minutti Zanatta, Luis Fernando, Antonio Alvarez, Rick Lane, Rita Schimpff, D'Ago Morales-Ferrari

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 P.M., followed by roll call.
- II. Discussion of potential cooperative project with the Mexican Consulate to commemorate the bicentennial of the end of the first Mexican Empire and the adoption of the Constitution of 1824. Angelica Docog agreed to head up a committee consisting of Corky Rubio, Ricky Reyes, David Carlson, Christopher Fullerton and D'Ago Morales-Ferrari to discuss options with General Consul Rubén Minutti and the Mexican Consulate staff.
- III. Rita Schimpff presented the history of the Sommer Saloon on Avenue B and updated the Commission about its imminent demolition. The Historical Commission asked the Chair to write a letter of support.
- IV. Angelica Docog told the Commission that she has met with Texas History Day coordinators regarding support for the contestants and learned that plans will take shape over the coming weeks. A potential topic for local history projects is the 1824 Constitution.
- V. Alan Ernst has used suggestions to draft changes to the Historical Commission Guidelines and they are ready for review. Four potential changes will be considered for adoption in September.
- VI. Jack Reynolds reported for the Education Committee that Bexar County, the Whiting Foundation, and UTSA coordinated the July Teacher in-service workshop for fourth & seventh grade social studies teachers. He shared the results of the participant survey that indicate a need for more training workshops and public outreach to increase access to the learning tool.
- VII. Pauline Rubio thanked everyone for responding to the survey regarding action policies and planning.
- VIII. Christopher Fullerton reminded the group of the September World Heritage Festival and mentioned that in November the World Heritage USA will hold a national conference in San Antonio that could hopefully include input from the Mexican Consul. Finally, Jeremy Landin and Christopher Fullerton attended the Westside Creeks Preservation event and learned that there is potential of oral history interviews about people's lives along various Westside creeks.

- IX. Mr. Draves reported for the Markers Committee and highlighted that the application for a Southwestern Bell Building Marker on W. Mistletoe has been sent to the THC, and that there is a potential application for the former community of Landa, later Luxello, near Selma.
- X. David Carlson reported for the Cemeteries Committee that THC has a new position of Cemeteries Program Specialist. Diego Rodriguez Cemetery has vandalism issues and there is potential of a cemetery association to help preserve the cemetery.
- XI. Robert Garcia reported that he and Hector Cardenas are working for recognition of the Campo Santo at Milam Park and Santa Rosa Hospital.
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM

Addendum

Historical Markers Committee Report

Joseph de León

This month, I only have a few things to report for the Markers Subcommittee.

1. The G.J. Sutton marker has been cast and is ready to ship.
2. The inscription for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Building Marker at 502 W. Mistletoe has been revised and sent to the THC for final approval.
3. The marker for the Eastview Cemetery marker has been cast and is ready to ship.
4. I received an inquiry about a potential marker for the former community of Landa, which later became Luxello, near Selma. So hopefully that will be one of the early marker applications we receive for next year.
5. The marker for the Scenic Loop Playground has been cast and is ready to ship.
6. The Friedrich Building marker has been approved and the invoice for payment to the THC is pending. This was a marker from 2022 that had its approval revoked because of lack of payment, due to personnel issues with the sponsoring company. However it looks like they're on top of things this time around.
7. The invoice for the Mattie Lewis School was paid by the sponsor.