November 6, 2017 MINUTES—BEXAR COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Members Present
Carey Latimore, Ph.D.
Felix D. Almaraz, Ph.D.
Amy M. Porter, Ph.D.
Paul Ringenbach, Ph.D.
Francis X. Galan, Ph.D.
Mickey Killian
Corky Rubio
Tim Draves

Members Unable to Attend
Francine Rowden
Linda Salvucci, Ph.D.,
Clinton McKenzie
Mario Salas
Marcello Martinez

Associate Members Present
Gary Houston
Brother Edward Loch
Jose G. Jimenez
Frank Faulkner
Brian McBeth
Scott Baird, Ph.D.

Guests:
Rudy Neira
Dominick Porter
Anna Porter

County Staff:
Juliette Moke, Bexar County Heritage Department
David Carlson, Ph.D. Bexar County Spanish Archives
CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Bexar County Historical Commission was held November 6, 2017 at the Paul Elizondo Tower Conference Room 204 with the Chair, Tim Draves, presiding.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:
From 12:02 to 12:34 PM, the History Awareness and Appreciation Committee, the Historical Markers Committee, and the Cultural Resources Committee met to discuss calendars, projects, and priorities.

COMMISSION MEETING:
The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:38 PM. There being a quorum present, the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were approved as amended.

RESOLUTIONS:
Resolution to approve funding for Casa Navarro Student Scholarships $1,000 as in previous years. Discussion included request that Heritage Department keep Casa Navarro request letter on file; staff agreed. Roll call vote called for. Seven members present and voting in favor of the motion: Carey Latimore, Felix D. Almaraz, Amy M. Porter, Paul Ringenbach, Francis X. Galan, Mickey Killian, and Corky Rubio. No votes against. Resolution passed.

Resolution to approve funding in amount of $350 for representation of the Bexar County Historical Commission at Texas State Historical Association annual meeting exhibit hall in March 2018 Roll call vote called for. Seven members present and voting in favor of the motion: Carey Latimore, Felix D. Almaraz, Amy M. Porter, Paul Ringenbach, Francis X. Galan, Mickey Killian, and Corky Rubio. No votes against. Resolution passed.

Resolution to approve funding in amount of $2,500 to a partner organization for “Congress of Bexar History Associations” Roll call vote called for. Six members present and voting in favor of the motion: Carey Latimore, Felix D. Almaraz, Amy M. Porter, Paul Ringenbach, Francis X. Galan, and Corky Rubio. One vote against: Mickey Killian, Resolution passed.

Resolution to approve funding in amount of $1,500 to Trinity University for work to enhance Bexar County Historical Commission digital presence on social media platforms. Roll call vote called for. Six members present and voting in favor of the motion: Carey Latimore, Amy M. Porter, Paul Ringenbach, Francis X. Galan, Mickey Killian, and Corky Rubio. One vote against: Felix D. Almaraz. Resolution passed.

Resolution to approve funding in amount of $4,000 to Trinity University for student work to collect and maintain oral history interviews as required by the State of Texas in its charge to the Bexar County Historical Commission. Roll call vote called for. Six members present and voting in favor of the motion: Carey Latimore, Amy M. Porter, Paul Ringenbach, Francis X. Galan, Mickey Killian, and Corky Rubio. One member abstained: Felix D. Almaraz. Resolution passed.

History Appreciation Committee
Amy Porter and Carey Latimore reported that the committee discussed the following--
• Creation of a Twitter account to post daily historical facts as public service announcement to increase historical awareness during the Tricentennial Year.
• That three of the committee members will be willing to host the exhibit room table during the Texas State Historical Association meeting.
• Perhaps involvement with the Western Historical Association annual meeting here October 17 to 20, 2018, would be advantageous.
• That the committee will pursue possibility of presenting a Bexar History Symposium in 2019.

**Historical Markers Committee**
Felix Almaraz noted that the Committee had received two historical marker applications for consideration. Further,
• The Medina Battle marker repair plan needs an update from Bexar Purchasing
• The text of two markers needs review and changes
• The Committee will meet to finish its deliberations at 3 PM November 14 on “Station X” and St. Philip’s College Good Samaritan House. All members and associates invited to attend.

**Cultural Resources Committee**
Scott Baird reported that Bexar County Historical Commission will cooperate with the San Antonio Regional Archivists (SARA) to develop a directory, and potentially, a brochure.

**COMMENTS FROM CHAIR:**
• Chair noted several vacancies in offices: secretary, committee chairs, etc.
• Chair announced that Andi Rodriguez had submitted to Commissioners Court her resignation. Rodriguez was a County Judge appointee. The Commission also has a vacancy in Pct. 2.
• Chair recalled the passing of valued member Dr. Gilbert Cruz on October 17. Cruz led a remarkable life of scholarship and made substantial contributions to Bexar County history, Texas Catholic history, and Spanish Colonial studies.

The meeting adjourned at 1:38 PM.