



Bexar County Historical Commission

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 4th, 2019 – 1:00 P.M.  
Bexar County Courthouse  
Double-Height Courtroom, Media Briefing Room

Commission Members in Attendance:

Dr. Felix Almaráz  
Dan Arellano  
Hector Cardenas  
Joseph de León  
Angelica Docog  
Hon. Alan Ernst  
Dr. Francis X. Galan  
Mickey Killian  
Prof. Sue Ann Pemberton

Commission Members with Excused Absence:

Clinton McKenzie  
Angelica Docog  
Dr. Amy Porter  
Jesús R. (Corky) Rubio  
Mario Salas

Associate Members in Attendance:

Gary Houston  
Brother Edward J. Loch, S.M.  
Dr. Sharon Skrobarcek

Associate Members with Excused Absence:

Dr. Scott Baird  
Dr. David Carlson

José G. Jimenez  
Frank Faulkner

Guests or County Representatives in Attendance:

Betty Bueche  
Amber Campos  
Jason Lilienthal  
Juliette Moke  
Virginia Van Cleave

I. Welcome: Dr. Felix D. Almaráz, Chairman

Roll Call: None taken (Chairman discerned quorum present)

Meeting called to order at 1:03pm

II. Review and Approval of BCHC Minutes of June 5, 2019.

Minutes approved.

III. Standing Committee Reports:

a. Archaeology - No report.

b. Archives (Brother Edward J. Loch, S.M.) -

Nothing new to report as SARA has not had any meetings since January (there is one upcoming and I am planning to attend at the San Antonio Public Main Library, so I will have something to report next time). Meanwhile, I am working in the mornings, I was repairing the 1853 maps (Marky) which were made to plan the routes for the transcontinental railroad, under the direction of Secretary of War Jefferson Davis. I was then working on repairing 1879-1883 maps of the states, which were being printed by the Federal Government. Also, the San Antonio People of Faith museum at St. Paul's is having a fundraiser-gala on October 5, which honors the workers at Kelly A.F.B. and that the steady jobs there provided for the social moving up of a large part of the Hispanic and Black population of San Antonio. On exhibit will be a number of private collections of Kelly memorabilia. Tickets available from the parish office of St. Paul's on Donaldson and St. Cloud. Almaráz then called on Joseph de

León, archivist, OLLU, who also reported nothing new other than continuing work in progress on the Maria Berriozabal Papers.

c. Cemetery - No report.

d. Historical Markers (Dr. Almaráz) -

The Southwell Company fabricators are opting out of their contract with the THC and there's an on-going search for a new vendor, which may affect the timetable for the review of applications during the current cycle. The Marker Committee has not held a meeting since last year. Apparently, there have been very few current pending applications, including for Newcombville, the early African American enclave on the Near Westside. More to come in next month's report.

e. History Appreciation (Dr. Sharon Skrobarcek) -

Updated report (April through August 2019) distributed via email to the BCHC. Keep sending information. The more complete the information from members, the easier for me to compile the report.

f. Oral History -

Dr. Almaráz needs for someone to take over this committee. The individual will need training.

#### IV. Unfinished Business: Revision of By-Laws (Dr. Almaráz)

Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee - Almaráz appointed a 3-member committee with the Hon. Alan Ernst as Chair, Dr. Skrobarcek, and Dr. Galan.

#### V. New Business: (Concise and audible) –

Ernst raised a question whether anyone knows about the Roosevelt statue being moved and placed with other statues for a statuary way from the Alamo to the Briscoe Museum? Ms. Bueche said this is coming from the City of San Antonio. Mr. Ernst asked if someone from the City of San Antonio can address the BCHC about this planned project. Almaráz asked him to introduce a motion for the next BCHC meeting that would direct the Chairman to contact the City of San Antonio's Arts Department requesting information about the status of the proposed statuary way from the Alamo to the Briscoe Museum.

VI. Announcements: (Relevant and limited to 2 minutes)

VII. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:48pm.

(Minutes by Galan)