



Bexar County Historical Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 1, 2021
Bexar County Courthouse
Double-Height Courtroom
1:00 P.M.

Minutes

I. Attendance

Members:

Hector J Cardenas
Joseph DeLeon
Angelica Docog
Alan Ernst
Michael Gallegos
Mickey Killian
Sue Ann Pemberton
Jesus R. (Corky) Rubio
Tim Draves

Associate Members

Scott Baird
David Carlson
Gary Houston
Jose Jimenez
Sharon Skrobarcek

Guests:

Brother Ed Loch, S.M.
Erika Arredondo Haskins of UIW

Unable to Attend:

Dan Arellano
Mario Salas
Frank Faulkner
Clinton McKenzie

II. Meeting called to order at 1:02 PM by Tim Draves. Introduction of Guests, Roll Call, and quorum declared.

III. Approval of minutes for October 2020 meeting.

IV. Discussion of THC training webinar session. Draves asked members to view the presentation "Role of a County Historical Commission Appointee" before the October meeting.

V. Alan Ernst described the collection of member and associate data for THC Annual Report. Ernst asked members and associates to bring to every meeting report information related to time dedicated and mileage use for history events and activities. Generally, the information will cover the previous month, however, in October members and associates should bring a year-to-date record.

VI. Tim Draves described progress of organization of standing committees and special projects committees.

VII. Scott Baird described a proposal of a process to streamline the committee report discussion. There was a sample Cemeteries Standing Committee report that included a detail list of time dedicated to history activities.

VIII. Alan Ernst described the importance of the County Historical Commission advancing important projects through innovative thought and advanced preparation of plans for potential partnerships. Such preparation is important for responding quickly to Commissioners Court requests for new work and for justification of budget requests. Our guidewords are “Be creative. Be ready.” Further, Ernst urged the Commission members and associates to let everyone know you are a member of the BCHC at your various history meetings around town.

IX. Comments of Members and Associates.

Tim Draves mentioned that the “Mexican Village” marker dedication will be 9:30 A.M. on September 24 at N. St. Mary’s at Sunken Gardens; that The Friends of Texana/Genealogy at SAPL has requested volunteer help from members and associates; that Trinity University Press will hold a zoom discussion of the new book by Char Miller and Sarah Zenaida Gould entitled *West Side Rising: How San Antonio’s 1921 Flood Devastated a City and Sparked a Latino Environmental Justice Movement* at 6 P.M. on September 14, 2021; that members and associates can suggest images for meeting slides; and finally, that the next meeting is set for 1 P.M. Wednesday, October 6.

Angelica Docog suggested that the Bexar County Historical Commission address the needs of youth, schools, and colleges much like our National History Day sponsorship in 2018.

David Carlson recommended that the Commission work with new and emerging media in order to engage with youth through projects like “The Seeds of Texas.” Carlson also mentioned that on Saturday, September 11 he will conduct training on Bexar County genealogy sources.

Betty Bueche informed the Commission that large-scale public investment in public history has grown since 2018 and will continue for a period of a few years. It is a special time for history. The County Historical Commission can work to tune into such projects and propose a role, just as it has with the Alamo Plaza Museum project and the San Pedro Creek Interpretive plan. The American Rescue Plan Act, ARPA, could make millions available to the community for projects such as the linear park walking trails along creek ways. Bueche encouraged members and associates to pursue briefings from the towns and cities in the county with an eye toward how the Commission can play a role and help projects. Further, while the Commission created a survey of historical markers in 2012, there are no surveys of other key cultural sites.

X. The meeting adjourned at 1:58 P.M.