



Bexar County Historical Commission
Minutes for Meeting October 6, 2021
Bexar County Historical Commission

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
Brother Ed Loch, S.M.
Sharon Skrobarcek
Frank Faulkner
Jose Jimenez

Guests:

Dr. Andres Tijerina
Juanita Tijerina
Erika Arredondo Haskins of UIW
Anthony Delgado
Virginia Rutledge
Robert Garcia
Norma Arciniega Longwell

Unable to Attend:

Dan Arellano
Mario Salas
Gary Houston
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 the September 1 meeting.

IV. Organizational Comments.

Tim Draves announced the following appointments.

Angelica Docog, Vice-Chair for Program

Alan Ernst, Vice-Chair for Advancement

Standing Committees Chairs:

Joseph De Leon, Historical Markers Committee

Scott Baird, Cemetery Committee

Michael Gallegos, Oral History Committee

Sue Ann Pemberton, Historic Sites and Structures

David Carlson, Archives Committee

Special Projects Committee Chairs

Michael Gallegos, Developing Technologies & Social Media

Gary Houston, Military History

Frank Faulkner, Historical Resource Identification Manager

Sharon Skrobarcek, Historical Appreciation
Scott Baird, Parliamentarian

- V. Discussion and approval of a resolution regarding County property adjacent to San Pedro Creek Improvement Project and the Casa Navarro State Historic Site. Addendum One
- VI. Presentation by Dr. Andres Tijerina on a project to commemorate Fray Olivares and the founding of San Antonio de Valero.
- VII. Presentation by Anthony Delgado of Hispanic Heritage Matters, on the 2022 symposium, “Women in Pre-1845 Texas History.”
- VIII. Robert Garcia comments regarding the San Pedro Creek location of San Francisco Solano, the forerunner of San Antonio de Valero Mission.
- IX. Virginia Rutledge of the Mission San Jose Indigenous Heritage Recognition Committee regarding their proposal for a Texas Historical Commission Undertold Marker on the Pajalate language.
- X. Archeology Month Events— Angelica Docog
- XI. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 PM

Addendum

RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Bexar County Historical Commission is charged by the Commissioners Court with preserving and promoting the history of Bexar County; and

Whereas, Jose Antonio Navarro, a founder of the Republic of Texas and prominent leader of the State of Texas, was born in Bexar County and lived at his homestead in Bexar County until his death in 1871, which homestead site at the corner of South Laredo and Nueva Streets is now a National Landmark owned by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and operated by the Texas Historical Commission as the Casa Navarro; and

Whereas, the Navarro homestead extended to the banks of San Pedro Creek and included rights to the waters of this Creek which were essential to its livability; and

Whereas, Bexar County owns a large office building, whose usefulness and occupancy for County business has been greatly reduced and is expected to be vacated by 2023 and declared surplus, on that portion of the former Navarro homesite that extended to the banks of San Pedro Creek thereby isolating the remainder of the homesite and compromising its historical integrity; and

Whereas, the demolition of this existing building on County property and restoration of the site to conditions compatible with the Casa Navarro and the San Pedro Creek restoration project would restore the historical integrity of the Casa Navarro, significantly promote the cultural experience of visitors to the Casa Navarro and enhance the enjoyment of visitors to the restored San Pedro Creek;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bexar County Historical Commission endorses the demolition of the existing structure on the County owned property contiguous to both San Pedro Creek on the east and the Casa Navarro state historic site on the west and the creation of a park-like setting on this property that enhances both the historical integrity of the Casa Navarro and the recreational experience of this part of San Pedro Creek.

Tim Draves, Chair, Bexar County Historical Commission