



## **Minutes Bexar County Historical Commission**

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

100 Dolorosa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Double Height Courtroom

### Attendance

#### Members:

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

#### Associate Members:

Scott Baird  
David Carlson  
Frank Faulkner  
Jose Jimenez

#### Guests:

Virginia Rutledge  
Preciliana Cabral  
Michelle Gorham  
Robert Garcia

#### Unable to Attend:

Angelica Docog  
Dan Arellano  
Sue Ann Pemberton  
Mario Salas  
Sharon Skrobarcek  
Gary Houston  
Clinton McKenzie  
Brother Ed Loch, S.M.

- I. Tim Draves called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and began with the introduction of guests, the roll call. He then declared a quorum present.
- II. The members approved the minutes for October 6, 2021.
- III. Virginia Rutledge from the Old River Heritage Group presented information about the group's application for a THC Undertold Stories marker concerning the impact of the Pajalate Language. The Commission voted to recommend THC approval through a letter of endorsement.
- IV. Frank Faulkner reported on BCHC Surveys and Inventories project. As part of Texas Local Government Code 318, CHCs must survey and create inventories of historic resources and conduct periodic reviews. The surveys identify historic structures (including bridges), historic cemeteries, historical markers of all types, and archaeological sites. Faulkner has photographed 219 of the 299 markers on the THC list. He noted that there have been three previous inventories of markers completed in 1976, 1981, and 1998. Scott Baird commented that the San Antonio Conservation

Society and the San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society may well have inventories to help the surveys.

V. Scott Baird reported for the Cemetery Committee saying that the historical designation for the Panteon de Guadalupe Cemetery on the Upper Seguin Rd. in Converse, Texas, is moving forward. The designation for the Eastview Cemetery on Roland Ave. has been approved and THC has sent a revised inscription to BCHC.

VI. David Carlson reported for the Archives Committee saying that he attended the San Antonio Regional Archivists meeting with twelve other attendees. He shared with us the Zoom link for the meeting, the link to the sign-up form for future meetings, as well as the link for the SARA Bazaar Planning Committee. He noted that Ancestry.com will soon make available Archdiocese records including San Fernando and mission church books. Also, the Bexar Archives received a gift of the Manuel Yturri Castillo Family Papers containing about 200 documents dated 1803 to 1879.

VII. Michael Gallegos told the meeting that as part of the Developing Technologies & Social Media projects, he now has developed a Facebook and Instagram presence for the Historical Commission. He further plans to create podcasts with the members and associates. Tim Draves requested a written outline of the project.

VIII. Alan Ernst provided a step-by-step analysis of the CHC Annual Report process required by THC. A slide presentation familiarized members and associates with the nature of the report which serves as a roadmap as BCHC works toward meeting its goals. Ernst urged the Commission to work to “really stand out” on future Annual Reports.

IX. Betty Bueche described a recent change in administration at the Presidio Gallery since Texas A&M—San Antonio will no longer be associated with the Collections housed there. The DRT collection will remain in the building, and the county clerk will hire staff to manage the archives. Further, on potential site for the Pajalate Marker would be at a planned Native American Center at Padre Park. Mrs. Bueche also informed the Commission of Bexar County’s involvement in the Alamo Museum Advisory Committee and said that four people represent the county’s interests: Commissioner De Berry, Commissioner Clay-Flores, Dr. Jessica Nowlin, and Tim Draves.

X. Member Comments. Hector Cardenas reminded the Commission that the Tricentennial Chronology is on Bexar Heritage Department website. Alan Ernst encouraged members and associates to read <https://sanantonioreport.org>, see the Witte Museum Black Cowboys exhibit, as well as the Briscoe Art Museum. He urged members and associates to work toward developing partnerships with community groups such as the Alamo Trust, the San Antonio Conservation Society, and Los Bexarenos. Tim Draves reported that Dr. Florence Weinberg has another book published this month and that the Los Bexarenos featured the work of Dan Arellano and Corky Rubio.

XI. Meeting adjourned at 2:32 PM.