

Minutes

Bexar County Historical Commission

Wednesday, August 3, 2022
100 Dolorosa, 2nd Floor
Double Height Courtroom

As approved September 7, 2022

Attendance

Members:

Hector J Cardenas
Joseph de León
Angelica Docog
Tim Draves
Alan Ernst
Mickey Killian
Jeremy Landin
Jesus R. (Corky) Rubio
Pauline Rubio
Sharon Skrobarcek

Associate Members:

Scott Baird
David Carlson
Frank Faulkner
Robert Garcia
Gary Houston
Jose Jimenez
Brother Ed Loch, S.M.

Unable to Attend:

Dan Arellano
Michael Gallegos
Sue Ann Pemberton

Mario Salas
Clinton McKenzie
Virginia Rutledge

Guests:

Councilwoman Adrian Rocha Garcia
Tim Salas
Tony Olavara
Christopher Fullerton
Isabella Fullerton
Sofia Fullerton
Tom Huddleston

I. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 P.M., followed by roll call, declaration of a quorum, and introduction of guests.

II Scott Baird, Gary Houston, Angelica Docog, and Jeremy Landin offered remembrances of former Bexar County Historical Commission Vice Chair Dr. Carey H. Latimore, IV, who passed away July 26, 2022.

III. The Historical Commission approved the minutes of the June meeting.

IV. City of San Antonio Councilwoman Adrian Rocha Garcia greeted the Historical Commission and reviewed initial planning concepts for a recognition of the 300th anniversary of the 1731 establishment of the Villa de San Fernando's 1st municipal government. Recognizing that community heritage is a medley of countless customs beliefs and traditions, Councilwoman Rocha Garcia described partnerships with the Canary Islands, Spain, and local Indigenous people. She concluded with a request that her City office and Bexar County would partner in planning and implementing the commemoration activities. Angelica Docog, Hector Cardenas, and Scott Baird offered to serve as liaisons to the Councilwoman's planning committee.

V. Resolution passed approving the allocation of funds for print projects in an amount up to \$400.00 and the purchase of two display tripods up to \$200.00 total. Mr. Draves noted that the tripods are available from the County office supplier, Big Star Branding, priced as two for \$69.70 each. The total for the two tripods before shipping and handling is \$139.40.

VI. Tim Draves reported on the findings about Historical Commission membership in the local history organizations. See Addendum 1. Draves thanked everyone who joined Mario Salas at the Carver Library by on June 4 for book signing for *The Alamo: A Cradle of Lies, Slavery, and White Supremacy*.

VII. Sharon Skrobarcek reported that Monarch Trophy Studio will design and produce a Historical Commission Fiesta Medal for April 2023.

VIII. Alan Ernst presented the official Bexar County Historical Commission Chairman's gavel to Tim Draves, inscribed— as long-time tradition requires—through the efforts of the previous Chair, Dr. Felix

D. Almaraz, Jr. The CHC Regional Meeting is set for October 14th from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Four Counties have agreed to attend; there will be follow-up this month with others. David Carlson, Ph.D., will be the keynote speaker offering a summary of Bexar Archives held at UT Austin. Finally, Alan Ernst suggested a Planning Meeting to have an opportunity to discuss informally our accomplishments, our goals, and our futures. Tim Draves agreed to call such a meeting before the end of the month.

IX Comments from Staff—Marivel Tamez offered to reserve county meeting space, and said it is always important to remember our roles as set forth in the Texas Local Government Code and to promote awareness of the Historical Commission. She made an explanation of the organization structure regarding the Bexar Heritage Center and ways Historical Commission might play a supportive role. Finally, Mrs. Tamez reminded the members and associates about the website for the Historical Commission and its features and encouraged us to consider ways to improve it.

X. For the Historical Markers Committee, Joseph de León reported that the committee has received the inscription for both the J. G. Sutton Marker and the P. F. Roberts House marker. The committee sent the application for the “Blue Hole” to THC as a rejection. The marker applications for the Jacob Chapel Church, the John William Smith and Maria Jesus de Curbelo house, and the Friedrich Refrigeration Company were approved by the THC. There is a project to move the Battle of Adam’s Hill marker originally installed in 1964. It is in storage at the Blue Skies Retirement Community, and we are in discussions with NISD to install it at Adam’s Hill Elementary School. We received a request from Mr. Oscar Vicks to initiate an Undertold Stories Marker for the United Homeowners Improvement Association which has been in operation since 1964. Gary Houston and Mario Salas will work with Mr. Vick.

XI. Scott Baird reported for the Cemeteries Committee that they have worked with eight cemeteries over the course of the year, with the highlight being that the Panteon de Guadalupe Cemetery in Converse has been designated as a Texas Historic Cemetery. David Carlson sent Scott Baird a report that the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson stands on ground that is a historic cemetery, with Scott commenting that it is more the rule than the exception that when that happens it is usually an African American cemetery that has been desecrated. Hector Cardenas reported that on July 21 he participated in the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission Zoom Conference on preserving historic cemeteries.

XII. For the Archives Committee, David Carlson reported that County Clerk Lucy Adame-Clark has finalized the employment of two people to staff the Daughters of the Republic of Texas Library. The San Antonio Regional Archivists will be meeting in the coming months.

XIII Comments from Members and Associates. Mr. Draves introduced Jack Reynolds, Ph.D., who was the initial UTSA project director for the “Seed of Texas” GIS project. Dr. Reynolds encouraged the Historical Commission to work with various universities around town, and he offered to assist with meeting space at UTSA for the planning meeting or other meetings.

XIV. Mr. Draves announced the next meeting will be September 7. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 PM.

Addendum One

Budget Request Detail for FY 2022/2023

\$5,200.00 THC Real Places Conference
\$4,320.00 Texas State Historical Association Annual
\$2,500.00 Meeting of Bexar County historical associations
\$300.00 Meeting of Regional County Historical Commissions
\$750.00 Publications

\$750.00 Fiesta Medals
\$700.00 San Antonio Historical Assoc
\$500.00 Sponsor Witte Museum Symposium Panel
\$15,020.00 Total

Addendum Two

Participation in Local History Organizations
by Members and Associates of the Historical Commission
RESULTS OF JUNE SURVEY

5	Conservation Society of San Antonio
4	Los Bexareños
4	Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
4	SAACAAM
3	San Antonio Genealogical and Historical Society
3	Texas State Historical Association
2	Witte Museum
2	Daughters of the Republic of Texas
2	Daughters of the American Revolution
2	1718 San Antonio Founding Families
2	McNay Art Museum/ SAMA
2	Order of Granaderos y Damas de Gálvez San Antonio Chapter
1	Mission Heritage Partners
1	Sons of the Republic of Texas
1	Sons of the American Revolution
1	Helotes Historical Society
1	Leon Valley Historical Society
1	Coker Cemetery Assoc
1	Friends of San Pedro Springs Park
1	San Antonio Founders Day
1	San Antonio Tour Guides
1	San Antonio Fire Museum
1	San Antonio Living History Assoc
1	Alamo Muzzle Loading Gun Club
1	American Association for State and Local History
1	Texas Historical Foundation
1	Briscoe
1	Colonial Dames 17th Century—San Antonio Chapter
1	Huguenot Society—San Antonio Chapter
1	Mayflower Society--San Antonio Chapter
1	United States Daughters of 1812— San Antonio Chapter
1	New England Women— San Antonio Chapter