

Minutes
Bexar County Historical Commission
Wednesday, October 5, 2022
100 Dolorosa, 2nd Floor
Double Height Courtroom

Attendance

Members:

Joseph de León
Angelica Docog
Tim Draves
Alan Ernst
Michael Gallegos
Mickey Killian
Sue Ann Pemberton
Jesus R. (Corky) Rubio
Pauline Rubio

Associate Members:

David Carlson
Frank Faulkner
Robert Garcia
Gary Houston
Virginia Rutledge

Unable to Attend:

Dan Arellano
Jeremy Landin
Sharon Skrobarecek
Mario Salas
Scott Baird

Jose Jimenez
Clinton McKenzie
Brother Ed Loch, S.M.

Guests:

Christopher Fullerton
Kay Hindes
Nancy Draves
Jack Reynolds
Claudia Guerra OHP
Kendall Hayes SARA
Christine Clayton SARA

- I. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 P.M., followed by roll call, declaration of a quorum, and the introduction of guests.
- II. The Historical Commission approved the minutes of the September meeting.
- III. Claudia Guerra, Cultural Historian, City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation, described an OHP project to draft an African American Cultural Context Statement. Ms. Guerra mentioned the community input sessions, new oral history interviews, Seminole Indian connections, and the overall purpose. She added that there will be a website, that County Historical Commission members can help by attending community input events, and that a draft will be ready to review in February. Finally, the Statement will undergo periodic updates and be supplemented by other projects such as a Latino and an Indigenous Peoples Cultural Context Statement.
- IV. Kendall Hayes from the San Antonio River Authority provided information on narrative panels for the St. James AME Church site in the San Pedro Creek Culture Park. Members and associates questioned the inconsistency in the terminology of using both *A.M.E. Church* and *A.M.E.C. in San Antonio*. Further, comments questioned the necessity of including ideas of enslavement and the Emancipation Proclamation at the St. James site.
- V. Angelica Docog recommended the chair invite Yvonne Katz, the President of the Hot Wells Conservancy, to brief the Historical Commission.
- VI. Alan Ernst recommended that members and associates help recruit applicants for the Historical Commission. Ernst also recommended attending the Regional CHC Meeting on October 14.
- VII. The Chairman reported that he wrote each member of Commissioners Court with an update of our activities. He will work with the members of the Court to schedule reappointments to the Historical Commission. The first step is a written declaration by members as to their intent regarding reappointment. He further requested that members submit monthly activity reports. Finally, he commented that as a group, we should be willing to draft position statements regarding public history issues, and he said that starts with keeping a lookout for potential topics.

VIII. Joseph de León commented that application for the replacement marker at Kelly Air Force Base was received and we await the processing of the invoice. The replacement marker for the Mexican Village has been shipped. Joseph de León and David Carlson presented research to the 42nd Annual Los Bexareños Genealogical Conference held September 30 and October 1.

VIII. Sue Ann Pemberton reported that Historic Sites and Structures has its work underway to document and photograph 113 RTHL properties for the THC Atlas Project.

IX. Paulina Rubio commented that the effort to initiate a Social Media presence has begun. It will be a deliberate and well-planned project.

X. David Carlson reported that the San Antonio Regional Archivists (SARA) met on September 22 and discussed various institutional initiatives including an Archives Bazaar a year from now.

XI. Comments: Frank Faulkner offered photos of Historical Marker sites for the RTHL inventory. Robert Garcia reported that he contacted former Oral History Chairman Fred Martinez and received a box of audio and video recordings for potential archival storage.

XII. The chair called the next meeting for November 2 and the meeting adjourned at 2:31 P.M.