

Agenda

Bastrop County Historical Commission

4th Quarterly Meeting

December 10, 2020 - 2 p.m.

Scheduled to be held by authority of Governor Abbott on Zoom

- Susan Smith is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Rose Pietsch
Bastrop County Clerk

9:05
A.M.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call and request for statement of interest to continue on the commission for 2021-2022
3. Declaration of Quorum
4. Approval of minutes of the September 2020 meeting, as follows or as amended.

The Bastrop County Historical Commission met for its 3rd Quarterly Meeting on September 10, 2020, held via Zoom conference services (by authority of Governor Abbott.)

At 2:07 p.m., Chairman Kesselus called the meeting to order and the follower members, constituting a quorum, answered the roll call: Judy Bergeron, Duncan Charlton, April Daniels, Galynn Fogel, August Fuchs, David Herrington, Ken Kesselus, Mikki Meyer, Dianne Mills, Rose Pietsch, Kaye Sapikas, Becca Sexton, John Sherman, Susan Smith, and Carol Snyder. County staff member Fran Hunter attended the meeting, as did visitors David Robinson and Lee Ann Lee.

The commission accepted without dissent the minutes of the June meeting (with incidental typographical errors corrected) as included on the agenda.

Fran Hunter reported that she will continue to post pertinent information on the commission's website, and Duncan Charlton reported on his development of a Facebook Page for the commission. Ken Kesselus noted the presence of a filing cabinet with commission-related material in the office of Adena Lewis and the fact that he would work with Judge Pape to obtain addition space on county property as a BCHC records repository if the need for further space develops.

Treasurer Charlton reported that his committee has not acted since June, but before the December meeting, he and the chair will inventory financial records handed down by the previous commission chair and that his committee will report about a budget and other financial matters in December.

Vice Chair Snyder happily reported that the state has finally begun making historical markers, and the one for the Leshikar house will be delivered in the next few months.

For the Cemetery Survey Committee, Audrey Rother reported on progress organizing cemetery records in seven areas, noted that volunteers would be surveying cemeteries, and that Judy Davis will enter pertinent data on a spread sheet. Duncan Charlton will put out a request for volunteers for the Cemetery Survey Committee on the Facebook page.

Susan Smith reported on initial work done for the Historic Tourism Task Force, and she received offers of support to help expand the work on a county-wide basis.

The second half of the meeting consisted of presentations and discussion about museums and archives in Bastrop County, as follows:

1. *Bastrop County Historical Society Museum and Archives – Kaye Sapikas*
2. *McDade Historical Society and Museum – Audrey Rother*
3. *Paige Historical Society and Museum – Mikki Meyer*
4. *Rockne Historical Society and Museum – Lee Ann Lee*
5. *Sayersville Historical Association – David Robinson*
6. *Smithville Heritage Society, Museum, and Railroad Museum – Carol Snyder and April Daniels*

Responses and general discussion, followed, with eagerness expressed regarding the possibility of providing access to various historical entities in the county to the computer program "Past Perfect." Duncan Charlton and Kaye Sapikas agreed to work with others in investigating particulars and possibilities.

On motion and without object the meeting adjourned at 3:56 pm.

5. Reaffirmation of election of officers and election of new secretary.

Explanation:

The Minutes the commission approved of the March 2020 meeting did not include the election of officers that actually took place. Therefore it is necessary to vote again to legalize the elections. Furthermore, while Sydna Arbuckle will be able to continue serving on the commission, personal needs require her to step aside as secretary, requiring us to elect someone else as secretary.

- a. Vice Chair – Carol Snyder – vote to reaffirm March election
- b. Treasurer – Duncan Charlton - vote to reaffirm March election
- c. Secretary:

Nominations

- (1) Sandy Chipley
- (2) others

Election

6. Reports and possible action in response

- (1) Historical Markers and Research Committee - Vice Chair Snyder
- (2) Cemetery Survey Committee, Audrey Rother

(3) Historic Tourism Task Force, Susan Smith

(4) Executive Committee, Ken Kesselus

a. storage of data, electronic and paper

b. update on website and Facebook page, Fran Hunter and Duncan Charlton

(5) Archives and Records Survey Committee

(6) Heritage Awareness Committee (combining Archives and Records Survey Committee, Historical Photo Survey Committee, and Oral History Committee)

(7) Other Reports

a. Museums and archives and historical societies

b. Other

(8) Grants and Finance Committee, Duncan Charlton

(a) BCHC line item in county budget.

(b) . cancellation of debit card, citing the lack of need and the added risk.

(c) Checking account

i. requirement for two signatories

ii. authorize signatories -

1. treasure

2. finance committee member

3. Bastrop County Director of Tourism and Economic Development

(d) Authorization for Treasurer to pay for

i. Past expenses (March 2020 meeting)

ii. Website

iii. Marker Dedication ceremonies

(e) Brainstorming and possible action regarding acquisition and use of funds

i. Ongoing expenses

a. ideas of what should be in a budget for annual expected expenses and how much

- i. A shared website about Bastrop County history. - April Daniels
- ii. marketing across the County of the various museums - April Daniels
- iii. Website, Database software, marketing expenses, special projects (curation & restoration projects), rotating exhibits – April Daniels
- iv. Others

ii. Reserve fund

- a. Expenditures that provide significant long-term benefits and impact as a priority (like capital improvement and strategic leverage.) - Executive Committee
- b. Aid for archives in the county to improve data entry, storage, and maintenance as well as accessibility. – Executive Committee
- c. Connecting museums and county historical associations via internet so we can be aware what is available in the county. – Sydna Arbuckle
- d. A website and potentially some funding for rotating entities taking the lead on website, dbase entries, marketing, special projects. April Daniels
- e. Others
- f.

iii. Funding ideas

- a. Check with State Historical Commission – Sydna Arbuckle

7. Adjournment