



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

February 10, 2022

Commission Chair Juanita Nañez called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. This meeting was held at the Dallas County Administration Building at 411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX, 75202 with the Chair and Vice-Chair in attendance while all other members attended virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Members present: Juanita Nañez, John Roppolo, Jearlene Miller, Elizabeth Gunby, Patricia Hicks, Priscilla Escobedo, Elizabeth DeLeon, Jim Gaspard, Coy Poitier, and Jerry Hawkins.

Members absent: Rose-Mary Rumbley and Roosevelt Nichols

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Nañez welcomed all members and attendees. Mia Brown noted a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

3. Approval of the January 13, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Roppolo moved that the minutes from the Commission's January 13, 2022, meeting be approved, and Mr. Gaspard seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

4. Marker Committee Update

Mr. Roppolo noted that the Marker Committee has been unusually busy.

- They are assisting with a replacement marker for the St. Marks School of Texas, which was impacted by the 2019 tornado.
- The Texas Historical Commission (THC) approved the Jane Elkins marker through their Undertold Marker Program. It was one of only 15 approved Undertold Markers in 2021.
- The committee received an inscription for the Dr. Edgar Ward plaque.
- An SMU student reached out to the DCHC for assistance with their research on the Daniel Family Cemetery in Dallas, which received a state marker in 1988.
- The committee has received one narrative subject marker application. It is still under review and will be brought to the DCHC at a future meeting.

5. 2022-2023 Goals/Objectives Finalization

Ms. Nañez told the DCHC that more work had been done on the 2022-2023 Goals and Objectives document since the January meeting. She went over the changes with the DCHC. Goal 5 was discussed in detail due to the need for clarifying information between the THC's Undertold Historical Marker Program and the County's Under-Told Historical Marker Funding Program. Ms. Escobedo motioned to recommend that the Commissioners Court change the name of the County program to the Untold Historical Marker Funding Program. Mr. Gaspard

seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Brown recommended that the changes go into effect for the 2023 application cycle.

6. Events

a. Legacies Dallas History Conference January 2022

Ms. Gunby stated that she attended the event and that there was a very diverse selection of food from many cultures. Ms. Hicks said she also attended the event and that the art displayed by the various food vendors represented where each was from. Ms. Nañez, Mr. Gaspard, and Mr. Roppolo noted that they also attended the event.

7. Other Organization Meetings and Programs

Ms. Miller is working on reaching out to the Coppell Historical Society so that the DCHC can attend their meetings. She also noted that the Irving Heritage Society would like to invite members of the DCHC to the Vintage Valentine's Tea on Sunday, February 13th at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Ms. Nañez stated that Remembering Black Dallas has several events scheduled for this year. Ms. Hicks mentioned that she will attend the sesquicentennial celebration for Joppa, to be held at the Fair Park Hall of State on February 12th. She will also be the guest speaker at the February 17th meeting of the Junior League of Richardson where she will give a presentation on the history of the Hamilton Park community.

8. Future Agenda Items

Members proposed to add activity updates to future agendas.

9. Upcoming Meetings

a. Meeting Schedule and Locations

Ms. Brown told the DCHC that meetings will remain virtual for the time being, with the Chair being present in a publicly advertised location in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act.

b. Next Meeting Date

Ms. Brown noted that the next meeting date is set for March 10, 2022.

10. Adjourn

There being no other business, Ms. Nañez adjourned the meeting at 12:31 p.m.