



## MINUTES

### DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

March 10, 2022

Commission Chair Juanita Nañez called the meeting to order at 11:31 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, Roosevelt Nichols, and Jerry Hawkins.

**Members absent:** Rose-Mary Rumbley

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

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

#### 2. Public Comment

Mac Johnston, recent graduate of University of Texas at Dallas, said he was attending the meeting to learn what the Dallas County Historical Commission (DCHC) does and to learn more about what he can do to help save the White Rock Stables in Dallas.

#### 3. Approval of the February 10, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Roppolo moved that the minutes from the Commission's February 10, 2022, meeting be approved with additions to Item 6a, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

#### 4. Committee Reports

##### a. Newsletter Committee (Obj. 1, 2, 4)

Ms. Escobedo, Ms. DeLeon, Mr. Poitier, and Mr. Nichols mentioned they can send articles for the next Chronicle. Mr. Nichols reported that no one has sent him anything to send to the City of Lancaster newsletter. Mr. Poitier noted that other historical societies are sharing DCHC social media posts and tagging DCHC in their activities.

##### b. Marker Committee (Obj. 7, 8)

Mr. Roppolo stated that there is going to be an increase in the cost of markers. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) will vote on the price increases at their next meeting and the prices will go into effect for the 2022 application season. He also noted that the committee has received eight applications so far, with one being partially approved. Ms. Miller mentioned that she sent out a brief satisfaction survey to those who submitted applications. Objective 7 states that the DCHC desires for applicants to be 100% satisfied with the support they received. Mr. Roppolo stated that the THC contact for markers is now Sarah McCleskey.

**c. Events/Outreach Committee (Obj. 3, 6)**

Ms. Miller said she is tracking events with a chart. She is still working on finding up to date contact information for the Coppell Historical Society. Ms. Hicks said she will be in Austin for Texas History Day in April at the Bob Bullock Museum, judging student projects. Mr. Hawkins mentioned several events: The Continual Struggle at the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, Alliance for Greater Works panel on Pearl C. Anderson, Santos Rodriguez Memorial at Pike Park, and the Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum Civil Discourse Event on critical race theory. Ms. Escobedo mentioned the Texas State Historical Association Annual Meeting.

**d. Historical Organization Contact List (Obj. 5)**

Mr. Gaspard said the list is a work in progress. He will review the list which has about 15-20 organizations. He will try to make contact with each for updated information.

**5. CHC Annual Report**

Ms. Nañez gave an overview of the CHC Annual Report process and summarized the content in the DCHC 2021 Annual Report. She thanked the members for their contributions to the report and their hard work throughout the year.

**6. Future Agenda Items**

No future agenda items were proposed.

**7. Upcoming Meetings**

**a. Meeting Schedule and Locations**

Ms. Brown told the DCHC that the next meeting could be held in person and that she will work with the Chair and Vice Chair to find a suitable meeting space.

**b. Next Meeting Date**

Ms. Brown noted that the next meeting date is set for April 14, 2022.

**8. Adjourn**

There being no other business, Ms. Nañez adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.