



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

September 8, 2022

Commission Chair Juanita Nañez called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m. This meeting was held at the Dallas County Oak Cliff Government Center at 702 E Jefferson Blvd, Dallas, TX, 75203.

Members present: Juanita Nañez, John Roppolo, Jim Gaspard, Roosevelt Nichols, Elizabeth De Leon, Jearlene Miller, Elizabeth Gunby, Coy Poitier.

Members absent: Jerry Hawkins, Patricia Hicks, Priscilla Escobedo, and 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

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the June 9, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Roppolo moved that the minutes from the Commission's August 11, 2022, meeting be approved with changes, and Mr. Gaspard seconded the motion. This motion was approved unanimously.

4. Committee Reports

a. Newsletter Committee (Obj. 1a, b, c)

Ms. DeLeon described the new process for publishing the newsletter. Articles are formatted into the template and sent to the newsletter committee, then to the Chair, Vice-Chair, Mr. Tamayo, and Ms. Brown for review. Mr. Nichols noted that he worked with the City of Lancaster to distribute a previous Chronicle article in the city's newsletter and there are a couple more cities that are interested in featuring the Chronicle. Ms. DeLeon will send Mr. Roosevelt a QR code to be used in future city publications so that readers can subscribe to the digital newsletter. Additionally, Ms. DeLeon said that she has access to software that correctly formats the articles for posting on social media.

b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Mr. Roppolo gave an update on the increased cost of historical marker plaques. Given the new higher cost, he emphasized the need to relay this information to future applicants and the importance of securing landowner permission as part of the marker application. Ms. Nañez mentioned that the dedication for the Anderson Bonner marker will be held September 10th at Anderson Bonner Park in Dallas and encouraged members to attend.

c. Events/Outreach Committee (Obj. 2, 4)

Ms. Nichols mentioned his proposal from the September meeting that the DCHC market itself to cities in Dallas County and look at demographics of the county. Ms. Miller said that a pamphlet with an introductory letter could be a way to do this, and it can eventually be used to send to surrounding counties. Ms. Nañez volunteered to write the letter as the DCHC Chair.

d. Historical Organization Contact List (Obj. 3)

Mr. Gaspard said that he has compiled a list of 371 markers in Dallas County using online resources. The historical organization contact list is finished other than a few organizations with incomplete information who could not be reached.

5. Section 106 Reviews

Ms. Nañez discussed the most recent Section 106 review, Oaklawn Place Apartments, that was brought to the attention of the DCHC. After review by District 2 members, the Dallas Mexican American Historical League, and Preservation Dallas, Ms. Nañez responded on behalf of the DCHC that there were no potential impacts to religious or cultural properties.

6. Future Agenda Items

The DCHC should discuss budget requests for the current and upcoming year. The DCHC budget for FY 2023 was set at \$0, however, members can still make requests for funding for specific items. This discussion will also help inform the FY2024 budget request, the process for which begins in March.

7. Upcoming Meetings

a. Next Meeting Date: October 13, 2022

The members requested that the October meeting be held at the Oak Cliff Government Center in Dallas.

8. Adjourn

There being no other business, Ms. Nañez adjourned the meeting at 12:48 p.m.