



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

January 18, 2023

Commission Chair Juanita Nañez called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. This meeting was held at the Oak Cliff Government Center, 702 E Jefferson Blvd, Dallas, TX, 75203.

Members present: Juanita Nañez, John Roppolo, Jearlene Miller, Elizabeth Gunby, Coy Poitier, Jerry Hawkins, Patricia Hicks, Priscilla Escobedo, Cheryl Jackson.

Members absent: Rose-Mary Rumbley, Elizabeth DeLeon, 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 was no public comment.

3. Approval of the December 21, 2022, Minutes

Mr. Roppolo moved that the minutes from the Commission's December 21, 2022, meeting be approved, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Special Projects

Legacies Dallas History Conference: Ms. Gunby told the members that the DCHC will have a table with handouts at the event. One to two people can attend for free to staff the table and attend the sessions. Mr. Hawkins and Ms. Miller volunteered to represent the DCHC at the conference. The sponsorship also includes two admissions to the Patron Reception, and Ms. Nañez and Ms. Escobedo volunteered to attend.

Lindalyn Adams Painting: Ms. Gunby contacted Nicola Longford, Executive Director of the Sixth Floor Museum, to discuss the painting. They are currently working to identify a suitable location for the painting.

Old Red Museum Project: Ms. Brown summarized Evelyn Montgomery's proposal at the December meeting for members of the DCHC to be involved in the review process for the Old Red Museum online content creation and to possibly be appointed to the new board overseeing the restructuring of the museum. She stated there are no further updates at this time.

5. Committee Reports – Year in Review

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

Mr. Hawkins said that publication of the next newsletter would be delayed until February. Future publication dates will be available at the February meeting.

b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Mr. Roppolo informed the members that he helped Remembering Black Dallas, Inc. get a status on what was submitted to the Texas Historical Commission. He gave special mention to a January 15th Dallas Morning News article about Jerry LeVias. The article happened to mention the February 21st dedication of a state historical marker at McFarlin Auditorium on the SMU campus, where Martin Luther King, Jr. delivered a speech in 1966. Mr. Roppolo encouraged members to attend.

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

Ms. Miller said that she and Ms. Hicks attended the Greenbook exhibit at the Irving Archives & Museum. The next exhibit to arrive at the museum is "Fighting for the Right to Fight," from the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, which will be on display from January 27 to April 18.

d. Historical Organization Contact List (Obj. 3)

Mr. Gaspard was not present to give an update.

6. 2023 Goals and Objectives

The DCHC agreed that the Dallas International Film Festival should be added to the 2023 Goals and Objectives under Goal Six. After considering adding the Texas Historical Commission's Registered Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) documentation project for a new smartphone app, the members decided to table that discussion for a future meeting.

7. DCHC Banner

Ms. Brown told the members that she is working with the vendor to finalize their order of promotional items. She said that the retractable banner will need a design and asked if a member would be willing to take on that responsibility. Mr. Poitier volunteered to design the banner.

8. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Nañez informed the members that their Annual Report is due to the Texas Historical Commission on February 28, and may need to be discussed at the February meeting.

9. Upcoming Meetings

- a. Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2023

10. Adjourn

Ms. Nañez told the members that this is her last meeting with the DCHC and that she is stepping down. She thanked the members for their dedication to the DCHC. There being no other business, Ms. Nañez adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.