



## MINUTES

### DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**FEBRUARY 21, 2024**

Commission Chair Elizabeth Gunby called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m. This meeting was held at the Oak Cliff Government Center, 702 E. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75203.

**Members present:** Elizabeth Gunby, Pat Hicks, Coy Poitier, Anthony Cornell., Joan Jackson Bouldin, John Roppolo, Roosevelt Nichols, Jearlene Miller, Christopher Cornell, Yasir Arafat

**Members absent:** Cheryl Jackson, Priscilla Escobedo

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

Ms. Gunby welcomed all members and attendees, and noted a quorum was present. Ms. Gunby welcomed new Commissioners Christopher Cornell and Yasir Arafat.

#### 2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

#### 3. New Calendar Year – Brief Orientation

Item skipped due to lack of technology.

#### 4. Approval of December 15, Minutes

Mr. Roppolo moved that the minutes from the Commission's December 15, 2023, meeting be approved with edits, and Ms. Miller seconded the motion; the motion was approved unanimously.

#### 5. Update on Legacies History Conference

Saturday, January 27, 2024 - Dallas Public Library

Ms. Gunby, Ms. Hicks, Ms. Bouldin, and Mr. Roppolo attended the Legacies History Conference.

#### 6. Committee Reports

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

Mr. A. Cornell noted that he had several articles and was ready to draft the next edition of the Chronicle.

##### b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Mr. Roppolo stated that marker season was fast approaching and there has been a lot of interest. Ms. Miler and Mr. Roosevelt will help review applications; there were seven (7) markers approved during the last cycle.

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

Ms. Gunby asked the members about upcoming events. Ms. Hicks mentioned the White Rock Garden of Memories Cemetery received a historical landmark designation.

**d. Social Media**

**DIFF – Dallas International Film Festival**

The Commission discussed whether or not to participate in the Dallas International Film Festival as a sponsor contributing \$2,500 to the event. A motion was made by Mr. C. Cornell, and seconded by Mr. Poitier. The motion was approved unanimously.

**7. Discussion Regarding Meeting Location**

The Commission discussed whether any change was needed in the location of the meetings. No change was determined; meetings will still be held at the Oak Cliff Government Center.

**8. Future Agenda Items**

**a. 2023 Annual Report (Due March 1, 2024)**

Ms. Gunby will submit the report prior to the March 1, 2024, deadline.

**9. Upcoming Meetings**

**e. Next Meeting Date: March 20, 2024**

Oak Cliff Government Center, 702 Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75203

Ms. Gunby noted the next meeting will be held at the Oak Cliff Government Center.

**10. Adjourn**

Ms. Gunby adjourned the meeting at 12:35 p.m.