



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 17, 2024

Commission Vice-Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. This meeting was held at the Oak Cliff Government Center, 702 E. Jefferson Blvd., Dallas, Texas 75203.

Members present: Patricia Hicks, Coy Poitier, Anthony Cornell, Joan Jackson Bouldin, John Roppolo, Jearlene Miller, Christopher Cornell, Cheryl Jackson and, Deah Berry-Mitchell, Priscilla Escobedo

Members absent: Elizabeth Gunby, Roosevelt Nichols, and Yasir Arafat

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Hicks welcomed all members and attendees, and noted a quorum was present.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of April 17, 2024, Minutes by Pat Hicks

Ms. Hicks opened the floor for approval of the minutes. Mr. A. Cornell made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Poitier seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Ms. Jackson requested a clarification because she was not listed on the minutes under Members Present. Mr. C. Cornell made a motion to reconsider the minutes previously approved and Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All members present were in favor in reopening the motion. Ms. Hicks noted that there have been attendance discrepancies on several occasions. Ms. Allen offered that there was an oversight on the template and that moving forward a copy of the attendance roster will be included with the minutes. Mr. C. Cornell made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, seconded by Mr. Poitier, and was unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports

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

Mr. A. Cornell reported that there was a problem publishing articles for the Chronicle and that they will be published in the next edition. Mr. A. Cornell requested ideas and articles from Commission members. Ms. Allen suggested a segment to introduce new Commission member, Mr. Yasir Arafat. Ms. Bouldin inquired whether a request to print hard copies of The Chronicle was approved. Ms. Allen added that the request has not been previously approved but that it may be submitted again for consideration. Ms. Hicks shared that she recently received a request for printed copies of The Chronicle at the Flag Pole dedication from family members. Ms. Bouldin stated Commission members attend events and having printed copies of the newsletter is a good way to show case and promote the DCHC. Mr. Poitier pointed out that this has been previously discussed and previous meeting minutes summarize why the printing request has not been approved. Mr. Arafat asked who is responsible for preparing The Chronicle. Commission members explained that it is a group effort.

b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Ms. Miller reported on behalf of Mr. Roppolo. There are six marker requests to approve:

- 1) Full Gospel Holy Temple. The marker application was unanimously approved.
- 2) Munger Place Historic District The marker application was unanimously approved.
- 3) Big Tex marker: all in favor. The marker application was unanimously approved.
- 4) Gulf Oil Distribution Facility. The marker application was unanimously approved.
- 5) Fields Cemetery. The marker application was unanimously approved.
- 6) Five Mile Community Marker (the marker will be placed at the Elizabeth Chapel Missionary Baptist Church). The marker application was unanimously approved.

Ms. Hicks asked if there was any follow-up or discussion on the Hilliard Golf Course marker application since it was not on the current approval list. Ms. Hicks expressed concern that postponing a vote on the marker application will delay their request another year. Mr. Nichols stated that he didn't get the application for review and would like to confirm that the application is corrected before the Commission votes. Ms. Hicks explained that the applicant needs to make minor grammar changes and that she will work with the applicant to ensure the marker application is corrected. Mr. A. Cornell made a motion to approve the Hilliard Golf Course application with corrections, Mr. Poitier seconded the motion, and Commission member unanimously approved the additional marker application.

In total, the Commission approved seven marker applications to be sent to the State for final approval. Mr. Nichols requested the Commission members receive the corrected Hilliard Golf Course application.

Mr. Arafat had questions about the timeline and process to submit marker applications for consideration. He is working with two groups and will work with them to submit a marker application for the first mosque in Richardson built by Muslim immigrants and the second is an African American Mosque in Downtown Dallas that has never been recognized. Ms. Bouldin suggested that it may be a good idea to write articles about the mosques for the newsletter.

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

Ms. Hicks, Mr. A. Cornell and C. Cornell attended the Flag Pole Hill marker dedication.

d. Social Media

DIFF - Dallas International Film Festival

Mr. Poitier reported that he has not received much information or communication from event organizers. Ms. Allen reminded members to send their movie requests to her via email and she will send e-tickets for the requested movies.

5. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Hicks reports that she recommended a new commission member who will be approved in Commissioners Court soon. Ms. Bouldin would like to receive information about submitting budget requests and increasing the budget allocation for the DCHC. Mr. Nichols would like to ensure that all new Commission members learn about the committees available for participation. Mr. Poitier presented a book that the Irving Heritage Society donated to the DCHC's for its archives.

6. Upcoming Meetings

Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2024 at the Oak Cliff Government Center at 11:30 am

7. Adjourn

Ms. Hicks adjourned the meeting at 12:42 p.m.