



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Commission Chair Elizabeth Gunby called the meeting to order at 11:35 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, Anthony Cornell, Christopher Cornell, Deah Berry Mitchell, Yasir Arafat, Jearlene Miller, Priscilla Escobedo, John Roppolo, Cheryl Jackson, and Coy Poitier

Members absent: Roosevelt Nichols and Joan Jackson Bouldin

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Gunby welcomed all members and attendees, and noted a quorum was present. Blanca Gonzales with Commissioner Daniel, Todd Hensley with Commissioner Sommerman, and Socorro Salazar with Commissioner Garcia were in attendance.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of July 17, 2024, Minutes

Ms. Gunby requested a motion to approve the July 17, 2024, DCHC meeting minutes. Motion to approve the July 17, 2024, minutes was made by Mr. John Roppolo and seconded by Mr. A. Cornell. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. C. Cornell requested justified paragraph formatting to be applied to the meeting minutes report.

4. Committee Reports

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

Mr. A Cornell requested that commission members send him articles for the next newsletter. Mr. Poitier sent two articles via email. Mr. A. Cornell did not receive them so Ms. Allen will forward the email articles. Ms. Gunby recognized Mr. Poitier's employment by the Texas Parks and Wildlife as the Buffalo Soldiers Coordinator. Ms. Gunby suggested that Mr. Poitier write an article on the Buffalo Soldiers. Ms. Berry Mitchell will be featured in the next newsletter. Ms. Berry Mitchell will send her headshot, and two articles previously published in *D Magazine* about the origins of German food and the history of food at the Star Fair of Texas.

b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Mr. Roppolo reported that since the last meeting, all eight of the marker submissions were approved. The eight marker applications submitted to the THC include Gulf Oil Distributing, Lou Huff Park, Five Mile Community, Big Tex, Fields Cemetery, Full Gospel Holy Temple Church, Hilliard Memorial Golf Course, and Munger Place. All marker application fees have been received except for Gulf Oil Distributing. Mr. Roppolo is working with Gulf Oil to collect their payment.

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

No report.

d. **Social Media**

Mr. Poitier posts updates to social media as he receives them. He requested that new commission members send their bios and head shots so they can be added to social media along with the newsletter.

5. Future Agenda Items

Mr. C. Cornell asked if the next commission meeting will take place at the Caruth House. Ms. Gunby reported that it will not be possible to have a meeting at the Caruth House and will instead schedule a private tour of the homestead for any commission members who would like to attend.

6. Upcoming Meetings

Next meeting will be held October 16, 2024, at the Oak Cliff Government Center.

7. Adjourn

Ms. Gunby adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.