



MINUTES

DALLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

NOVEMBER 20, 2024

Commission Chair Elizabeth Gunby 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, Texas 75203.

Members present: Elizabeth Gunby, Patricia Hicks, Anthony Cornell, Christopher Cornell, Jearlene Miller, John Roppolo, Cheryl Jackson, Priscilla Escobedo, and Joan Jackson Bouldin

Members absent: Deah Berry Mitchell, Roosevelt Nichols, Coy Poitier, and Yasir Arafat

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Ms. Gunby welcomed all members and attendees, and noted a quorum was present. Gabby Kidane and Jessica Mendoza with Commissioner Daniel, and Socorro Salazar with Commissioner Garcia were in attendance.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of October 16, 2024, Minutes

Ms. Gunby requested a motion to approve the October 16, 2024, DCHC meeting minutes. A motion to approve the October 2024 minutes was made by Mr. C. Cornell and seconded by Mr. A. Cornell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Committee Reports

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

Mr. A. Cornell reported that the newsletter has been published and is collecting articles for the next newsletter. Chair Gunby will send her articles via email again. Ms. Bouldin will attend an event in January 2025 and will write an article about that event. Ms. Jackson will prepare an article about the history of the Lancaster Museum. Mr. A. Cornell is working on getting information about the Deep Ellum driving exhibit of featured artists for the newsletter.

b. Marker Committee (Obj. 5, 6)

Mr. Roppolo is currently working with the Texas Historical Commission (THC) on the wording for the approved markers. He added that the THC prefers to ship to a business address but if that is not possible, they can ship to a residential address for an extra fee.

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

Ms. Miller requested that members continue sending reports on activities and events attended. Chair Gunby and Ms. Hicks attended the Salem Institutional Baptist Church Marker Dedication. Councilman Tennell Atkins' son is the pastor at the church. Elite News published an article about the marker dedication and included a photo of Chair Gunby along with the article. Chair Gunby added that members

can email or send a text message to Ms. Miller. Ms. Hicks shared there is a marker dedication tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. for Dr. Ward, held by the City of Dallas Arts Commission, at 3605 Malcolm X Blvd. The home where Dr. Ward resided, which is now a private residence.

d. Social Media

There was no report. Chair Gunby reminded members to share pictures or updates via text message to Mr. Poitier to post on social media.

5. Future Agenda Items

Chair Gunby mentioned that the History Conference will be on January 25, 2025, at the Dallas Public Library, starting at 8:00 am. Currently, the DCHC is \$500 level sponsor. Commission members unanimously approved the donation. The conference features presentations about articles from the *"Legacies: a History Journal for Dallas and North Central Texas"* publication. The DCHC will set up a table at the conference and members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Hicks will share information about the upcoming Texas History Day in 2025. She participated last year in Austin and plans to participate again locally in Wylie as a judge for middle and high school student projects.

6. Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting will be held Dec. 18, 2024, at the Historic Aldredge House, 5500 Swiss Ave, Dallas, TX 75214.

7. Adjourn

Chair Gunby adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.