

AGENDA ITEM # 10

Hear and accept year end report from Historical Commission.

County Historical Commission Chair Irene Varan presented the year-end Historical Commission report of 32 members, 9 meetings, 5,160 volunteer hours, with youth sponsorship of Moody Museum tours, Swedish traditions demonstration, pioneer life program for 28 home students and their teachers.

The Historical Commissioner has a costumed group presentation of the evolution of the American flag. Ms. Varan expressed the appreciation of the commission for the help in restoration of old Farmers State Bank building which will house the museum when completed.

Some of the fund raisers are pioneer photos, Williamson County historical videos, revised county cemetery map and Courthouse Oak pens.

New members have been welcomed to the Historical Commission Board and the Express Baseball organization will give the Historical Commission one-half (1/2) the proceeds of all tickets sold for the game of Thursday, April 20, 2000. Mrs. Varan will distribute forms to County Offices for their ticket requests.

The commission has participated in raising \$250,000.00 for restoration of the Palm House in Round Rock which restoration is progressing. The Palm House is the large house in Old Settlers Park for which an attempt is being made to contact donors who will furnish the various rooms. When completed Old Settlers Association (the owner) plans to operate the building as a Bed and Breakfast facility. Funds have been contributed by the Palm estate, Palm Valley Lutheran Church and Old Settlers Association. Attorney Dale Illig is administrating the estate of which there are no living Palm family members.

Four (4) new historical markers have been placed this past year with another application approved and awaiting dedication.

The United Way has donated a computer, printer and monitor. Eleven hundred sesquicentennial photos need to be archived when the commission is able to work in old Farmers State Bank building after the renovation.

Judge Doerfler expressed his appreciation to Ms. Varan for her excellent report.

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TEXAS
HISTORICAL
COMMISSION

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

GEORGE W. BUSH, GOVERNOR

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COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
End of Year Report
1999

*presented to Court 2-8-00
John C. Dwyler*

This form will assist you in reporting your county historical commission activities to the county commissioners court and will be utilized in preparing our reports to the state historical commission and the state legislature. If you have not already submitted a report to our office, please complete this form and return by February 11, 2000. Thank you.

Irene Varan
Name of CHC Chair

Williamson
County

1. How many members currently serve on the Commission? 32

2. How many meetings did the Commission hold this year? 9

In which communities were the meetings held? Georgetown

3. How many volunteer hours did the Commission members work this year? 5,160
(please give your best estimate, as we use this figure in our reports to the legislature and cannot include you in the report if you simply write, "many hours")

4. Does the Commission sponsor or work with young people in the county? Yes
If yes, please describe or list such activities: Conducted tours of Moody House Museum, demonstrated Swedish Lucia traditions, presented program on Pioneer Life for 28 home students & 15 teachers, and presented program on the evolution of the American Flag at Deepwood School.

5. Does the chair or a designated representative serve on the Tourism Committee of the local Chamber(s) of Commerce? No

6. What, if any, steps has the Commission taken toward computerization? (e.g., do you have a computer, access to the Internet, a home page, e-mail? Have you computerized the list of historic resources in your county?, etc.) Please provide details (along with your e-mail and home page addresses, if applicable): We have recently acquired a computer and software, and have begun to catalog our photograph collection. Individual members have access to the Internet.

- 7 Does the county provide funds in its budget for your Commission? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 1999? \$1,000
 Does the county provide office space for your Commission ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If the county provides other operating help, please list. Funds were allocated to complete restoration of ceiling, roof and outside walls of our museum and headquarters building.
8. Does the Commission have other sources of funding? ☒ Yes ☐ No
 If yes, please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income. Pioneer Photos
Sale of County History Videos
Sale of Cemetery Maps

9. Please check all that apply to your commission:

- ☐ Participated in Distinguished Service Award activities in 1999
☒ One or more members attended the annual historic preservation conference in Austin
☐ Medallion group subscriber
☐ Member, Preservation Texas
☒ Member, Texas Historical Foundation
☐ Member, Texas Oral History Association
☐ Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
☐ Member, American Association for State and Local History
☐ Certified Local Government

10. Please check all areas of work in which your commission worked actively to promote historic preservation in the county

- ☒ Historical marker(s)
☒ Historic cemeteries
☒ History museum(s)
☐ National Register designation
☐ Oral history
☒ Archives
☒ Served as advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
☐ Survey of architectural resources
☒ Protection of archeological resources
☒ Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
☒ Newsletter production
☐ Local newspaper column
☐ Local history publication
☒ Main Street Program
☒ Heritage tourism
☒ Historic building rehabilitation
☒ Historical observances (check all that apply)
☒ County/City Birthdays
☒ National Preservation Week
☒ Texas Archeological Awareness Month
☒ Women's History Month
☒ Black History Month
☐ Other _____

Please provide a brief narrative description of the county historical commission's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities (i.e., which of your goals for the year were met, and which were not met?)

Goals met: Major restoration of the future museum building began after allocation of county funds,
Funding obtained for restoration of Palm House in Round Rock, and restoration was begun.
4 new markers were dedicated. 1 other application approved.
Old cemetery maps were updated and reprinted.
A computer, monitor and printer were obtained through a grant from United Way.

Goals Not Met: Cataloging and archival storage of our photograph collection was not completed.

How can the Texas Historical Commission be of greater assistance to you in carrying out your local preservation activities?

Support from THC has been outstanding

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If the Texas Historical Commission staff can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please let us know (telephone 512/463-5853, e-mail history@thc.state.tx.us) Thank you

Please return by February 11, 2000, to

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AGENDA ITEM # 11

Consider granting final plat approval for Resubdivision of Lots 13 & 14, Valley View.

County Engineer Joe England advised the public hearing was held on September 14, 1999, and signatures are now affixed to the plat.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To grant final plat approval for Resubdivision of Lots 13 and 14, Valley View.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 12

Consider authorizing advertising and setting a date to hold public hearing on replat of the Estates of Brushy Creek, Section One, Block A, Lots 10, 11 & 12.

Moved: Judge Doerfler

Seconded: Commissioner Boatright

Motion: To authorize County Engineer advertising 10 o'clock a.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2000, for public hearing on Re-plat of Lots 10, 11 and 12, Block A, Estates of Brushy Creek, Section One.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 13

Consider authorizing scrivener error on Resubdivision of Durham Park, Section III, Lots 1 & 2, Block R.

County Engineer Joe England advised the original plat recorded in Cabinet R, Slides 243 and 244 in error listed the subdivision name as "Subdivision of Tract 6, The Place" in the signature block for County Judge John Doerfler on page 1 of the plat.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To acknowledge scrivener error on plat page 1 of 2 on Resubdivision of Lots 1 & 2, Block R, Durham Park, Section III in signature block for County Judge John Doerfler and allow correction to be noted on the plat recorded in Cabinet R, Slides 243 and 244.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0

AGENDA ITEM # 14

Discuss and take appropriate action concerning Ryan Acres in Liberty Hill.

Commissioner Boatright advised Independence Trail was illegally subdivided prior to or in the 1970's. Discussion today pertains to an 8 acre tract located along private road Independence Lane. During construction of the turn lane on Highway 29, Mr. Stanfield paved Independence Lane. The proposal is to cut the 8 acre tract into eight 1 acre tracts, sell them and form the Independence Lane Homeowners Association which dues which will be used for up-keep of 1,630 foot Independence Road and never become a county maintained road.

Mr. Stanfield requested a variance to 7.1 of Williamson County subdivision regulations allowing subdivision of the 8 acres if the property owners accept responsibility for maintenance of Independence Lane.

Moved: Commissioner Boatright

Seconded: Judge Doerfler

Motion: To grant variance allowing 8 acres of Ryan Acres in Liberty Hill to be divided into eight 1 acre lots with plat to be submitted to Commissioners Court at a later date requesting variance from 7.1 Williamson County subdivision road construction regulations - with the road never being maintained by Williamson County.

Vote: Motion carried 3 - 0