

Calhoun County Historical Commission
Regular Scheduled Meeting of November 10, 2015
6:30 to 7:00 PM at the Calhoun County Library

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by CCHC Chair Mary Belle Meitzen at 6:30 PM.

Quorum:

A quorum was met, those in attendance were:

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| Mary Belle Meitzen | Steve Koch | Nelson Marek |
| John Meitzen | Peggy Gaines | John Foester |
| John Kassner | Tommy Schulte | Walter Spiller |
| Gary Ralston | Jim Munro | |

Invocation:

By Jim Munro

Pledges of Allegiance:

By Mary Belle Meitzen

Consider/Approve Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report by Gary Ralston was approved as posted

Consider Approve Minutes:

Minutes for the October 13, 2015 meeting were approved as posted by Walter Spiller.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Indianola Scavenger Hunt/Texas Archeology Alternative Date-John Foester stated that he wanted to attempt having the scavenger hunt again this Saturday, November 14. Members who wish to help out are asked to be at the beach at 8:15 Saturday morning.
- B. Half Moon Reef Lighthouse Grant Application-The Commission is at this time still waiting on a reply from the Bauer Trust Fund in regards to the funding for the lighthouse restoration.
- C. Cemeteries:
 1. Little Mary-John Kassner is still working on this.
 2. Sonneman-Per Peggy Gains: Peggy spoke with Commissioner Finster and he and his crew will mow the cemetery and make it accessible again. Also, Mr. Finster has gotten the OK from the District Attorney for them to continue to maintain the cemetery in the future as well.
- D. Museum-George Anne is still working on the new exhibit.

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E. Markers:

1. Camel Corps Dedication-Per Gary Ralston: Invitations have been sent out. The dedication will take place on Saturday, November 28, 2015, at 10 AM at Indianola Beach, weather permitting. In case of bad weather, the Bauer Room at the county fairgrounds has been reserved as a backup. Doug Baum will be there with camels.
2. The Knipling and Battle of Norris Bridge markers have been installed by Mr. Galvan's crew.

- F. Seadrift Silhouette Acceptance/Design-Per Peggy Gaines: The Seadrift City Council voted to approve the installation of the silhouette when it's ready. Per Gary Ralston: Brian Norwood is working on the Train Engine silhouette design.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Other Standing Committee Reports:

- A. Battery Silhouette Interpretive Display-Gary Ralston has received the interpretive display panel from Kaser Designs and the display will be installed by the city.
- B. TXDOT Marker Locations-The Historical Markers along S. Commerce St. on the Bayfront, which are in the midst of construction work, are on TXDOT property.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Old Business:

- A. Truss Bridge Webinar-Mary Belle Meitzen participated in the webinar on November 6, and she says that according to the language used, the postwar historic Lavaca Bay causeway is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places for its historic and engineering significance.
- B. Volunteer Hours-Please report all volunteer hours to Walter.

Consider/Take Necessary Action Commission Input:

- A. Historical Christmas Celebration-Date Bauer Room will be open: Thursday, December 10, 2015. John Kassner and Joe Brett are looking into the price of steak.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.