



## Fort Bend County Historical Commission

Chris Godbold, Chairman  
Charles Kelly, Vice Chairman  
Claire Rogers, Secretary  
Don Brady, Treasurer

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**Meeting Minutes for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019  
Gus George Law Enforcement Academy  
1521 Eugene Heimann Circle  
Richmond, TX 77469  
February 19, 2019**

- I. **Welcome and Call to order** at 3pm by Chairman Chris Godbold. Pledges of Allegiance to the US and Texas flags led by Secretary Claire Rogers  
**Attendance:** Pat Anderson, Bettye Anhaiser, Jessica Avery, Tzotsy Ballesteros, Karl Baumgartner, Bill Benton, Don Brady, Linda Burks, Bettegene Coyle, Robert Crosser, Tim Cumings, Cindy Drabek, Ronald Drachenberg, Ana Alicia Estrada, Chris Godbold, Bruce Grethen, Rebecca Haas, Sharon Harris, Marie Theresa Hernandez, Tracy Hobdy, Jeffrey Hoffman, Cecil Jones, Charles Kelly, Corey Kelly, LeRoy Knekow, Rene Lamb, Joyce Lolley, Susan Lowe-Strickland, Jesse Matthews, Paul Matthews, Bryan McAuley, Bobby McKinney, Patricia McKnight, Lonnie Meadows, Katie Neely, John Placette, Claire Rogers, David Rose, Jay Roussel, Daniel Sample, Shereen Sampson, Melanie Perkins Smith, Joe Southern, Jess Stuart, Roberta Terrell, Vickie Tonn, Sylvia Vacek, John Walker, Sharon Wallingford, Mary Ward, Diane Ware, Kevin West, Dianne Wilson, and Linda Wooten.  
**Guests:** Bill Rickert, Judge K. P. George, Xavier Herrera, Robert Lindsey, Melissa Dixon, Ray McKnight, and Mat Coyle  
**Commissioners not in attendance:** Philip Bartholomew, Ferrel Bonner, Frank Briscoe, Nicholas Cox, Jessica Duet, Sha'terra Fairley-Johnson, Becky Gallimore, Randal Glenn, Vernon Hunt, Sue Mitchell, Veronica Pina, Pat Policoff, Paul Spana, and Bradley Stavinoha
- II. **Approve minutes of quarterly meeting held on November 20, 2018 and special called meeting on February 6, 2019.** Secretary Claire Rogers reported that there was a correction to the minutes for February 6 that were emailed to all of the commission members prior to today's meeting. Diane Wilson made a motion that the corrected minutes for February 6 and the presented minutes for November 20 be approved as presented. Sharon Wallingford seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous for approval.
- III. **Accept Treasurer's Report.** Bob Crosser made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented (emailed to commissioners ahead of the meeting), Jeff Hoffman seconded this motion, vote to accept was unanimous.
- IV. **Receive Committee Reports and Overview of the work of each committee**  
Chair Chris Godbold gave an overview of the role of FBC Historical Commissioners: the term of service is two years, the commission is part of Fort Bend County government and partners with but is not directly a part of the Texas Historical Commission, the Friends of the FBC

Historical Commission is a separate 501c3 that raises money for commission projects, each commissioner is expected to sign up for and work with at least one of the committees.

Archives – Dianne Wilson, Chair – Chris Godbold, as the past chair of this committee, presented the attached report

Cemetery – Robert Crosser, Chair, presented the attached report

Cultural Resources – Randal Glenn, Chair – Claire Rogers reported that this committee had no requests for consultation since November’s meeting

Historic Preservation – Rene Lamb, Chair – Chuck Kelly gave an overview of the work of this committee, they have not met since November

Oral History – Sylvia Vacek, Chair, presented the attached report

Public Affairs – Timothy Cumings, Chair – Cindy Drabek presented the attached overview of the Public Affairs Committee

Research & Markers – Bettye Anhaiser, Chair, shared the attached report

#### **V. Old Business**

- a. Review of plans and preparations for 2019 Bert E. Bleil Heritage Award Presentation program – Tim Cumings shared information about the award ceremony coming up on Tuesday, March 5 at 7pm. Bruce Grethen is this year’s award recipient
- b. Possible update from Commissioners’ Court – Chris Godbold reported that the county commissioners’ court has entered into discussions with Fort Bend Independent School District to enter into an interlocal agreement to acquire the property at the James Reese Technology Center so as to preserve it as a cemetery. Chris and Bob Crosser will be meeting about this with the county attorney’s office.

#### **VI. New Business**

- a. Presentation of Commissioner of the Year Award – Chris Godbold read the extensive list of accomplishments of the 2018 Commissioner of the Year, and Bob Crosser, Chair of the Cemetery Committee upon which she works so diligently, presented the award to Bettegene Coyle.
- b. Approval of reimbursement for commission expenditures for 2019 – Claire Rogers, past treasurer, made a motion that commission members be allowed to seek reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the approved budget without coming to the commission for every item. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **VII. Announcements**

- a. Heritage Award Program March 5, 7:00 p.m. Safari Texas Ranch, Veranda Room, 11627 FM 1464 Richmond, Texas
- b. Announcements from Commission Members and/or general public
  - i. Rene Lamb announced the Daughters of the War of 1812 dedication of the Randolph Foster grave marker on May 4 at 2pm – all invited, flyer to follow
  - ii. Vickie Tonn announced the Old Foster Community fundraiser on April 4 from 6:30 – 11pm – the theme is Aloha! (has since been postponed)
  - iii. Jay Roussel gave info about the Fort Bend Archeological Society meeting tonight (February 19) at 7pm
- c. County Historical Commission to meet next on May 21, 2019 for the Second Quarter

General Meeting

- d. Committee Chairs and Executive Committee to meet March 11, April 8, and May 13, 2019

**VIII. Adjourn** – meeting was adjourned at 4pm.

Submitted by  
Claire Rogers  
Secretary