

Hays County Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: May 22, 2025

Kyle Railroad Depot and Heritage Center

Call to Order:

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 6:03 PM.

Members Present:

Linda Coker, Lila Knight, Anthony Davis, Joe Ramirez, Sally Ramirez, Nico Costilla, Grace Ann Fox, Dr. Juarez, Robert Frizzell

Members Absent:

Anita Collins, Sarah Simmons, Tim McHutchin, Patrick "Hoot" Gibson

Approval of Previous Minutes:

A motion to approve the previous minutes was made by Anthony Davis and seconded by Joe Ramirez. The motion passed.

Announcements:

- Dr. Juarez announced a survey for the San Pedro Cemetery has been established, with Brian Gees from Austin Parks Department offering to help with training to supervise the work of resetting the pillars.
- Dr. Juarez announced a Stringtown Cleanup for Saturday at 8 AM. Lila inquired about the organization behind the cleanup, which is composed of Dr. Juarez, Simon Mercado, and a few other family members who have formed a Stringtown Lost Cemetery Association. The contact person is Erin Abel, and the cleanup is scheduled to end by 10:30 AM.
- The San Vicente Marker is ready for installation, and Rizo will contact Jeremy Garrett to get a date for the marker unveiling.
- Upon completion of construction, the Bunton Branch Bridge historical marker will be reinstalled with a dedication event.
- A family reunion for the Pleasant Valley Cemetery is planned for June 7, 2025, at 4 PM at the cemetery, where Morgan will read the proclamation.
- A discussion was held regarding drone footage of the Claiborne Kyle log house. The land is owned by the county and has deed restrictions.

Committee Reports:

- **Markers Committee (Linda Coker):** No updates were given at this time.
- **Certified Local Government Committee (Lila Knight):** No updates were given at this time.
- **Cemetery Committee (Sally Ramirez):**
 - A family member of the San Marcos Blanco Cemetery wants the commission to survey the cemetery and replace missing headstones. The HCHC does not have the funds to do the work and are trying to figure out who actually owns the cemetery.
- **Depot Committee (Patrick "Hoot" Gibson-absent):** No updates were given at this time.
- **Under-Represented Communities Committee (Nico Costilla):** Chairperson Costilla discussed upcoming Juneteenth celebrations throughout the county.
- **Texas Treasures Committee (Linda Coker):** Discussions were held regarding Bryan Electric and a bowling alley on Highway 123 in San Marcos.
- **Kyle Radio Updates (Anthony Davis):** No updates were given at this time.
- **IT Updates (Anthony Davis):**
 - The Hays County Underrepresented Communities Committee was invited to Facebook.
 - An idea for future Facebook posts is "This Day in Hays County" to feature historical figures and important dates.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Linda Coker and seconded by Nico Costilla. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Grace Ann Fox, M.Ed., Secretary, Hays County Historical Commission