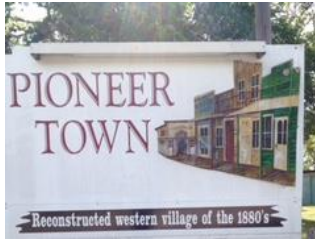


HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Thursday, June 23, 2016
7A Ranch Resort
333 Wayside Drive
Wimberley, Texas 78676

Before the June 23, 2016, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission (HCHC), the commission members were invited to tour the facilities of the 7A Ranch Resort including some of the new cabins that replaced ones that had been damaged by recent floods. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kate Johnson at 7:19 p.m. A quorum was met as the following members attended: Delbert Bassett, Marie Bassett, Linda Coker, Luanne Cullen, Cathy Dillon, Robert Frizzell, Irma Gaitan, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Carmen Imel, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Jo Landon, Jerry Moore, Trisha Randow, Ralph Randow, and Charlie Willis. Three guests also attended.

Announcements—Kate Johnson said that there would not be a meeting in July and that the August 25 HCHC meeting would be held in San Marcos at the Old Mill on Uhland Road. She also announced that she and David Bisett who works for Texas State University had located a new location for the Jeff Davis Memorial Highway marker in the town of Hunter in Comal County. Also, the RFP for the restoration and installation of the two sections of the Buck Winn's *History of Ranching* mural had been approved in court. A call for bids was sent to companies throughout the country until August 20.

1. **Vote on accepting minutes from April 28, 2016**—Jerry Moore moved to approve the minutes; Carmen Imel seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. **History of Ranching Documentary**—Richard Kidd said that the two panels to be hung in the Hays County Government Center were from the mural that Buck Winn created portraying the *History of Ranching* for San Antonio's Pearl Brewery in 1950. The documentary will describe the mural from 1950 to today.
3. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jo Landon reported on several county cemeteries: the Perry Cemetery had been cleared of the brush from the previous cleanup day; the Pitts Cemetery is being considered for county maintenance; the Antioch Cemetery will be receiving a Historic Texas Cemetery designation and adjacent property owners had been mailed notification letters for information and opportunities to comment; the Duran Cemetery was in need of cleanup as reported by Gina Rogers and a work day was scheduled for Saturday, June 25.

4. **Flowers, Shrubs & Trees Report**—Delbert Bassett reported that progress had been made with the City of Kyle to get water to the flower beds at the Kyle Depot. Work orders had been issued. The Pound House Live Oak appears to have survived its recent lightning strike but it will take up to seven years to know if the strike was fatal or not. David Bisett is the point of contact at Texas State University for determining if we can make progress in getting a live oak recognized as the Burleson Oak. It is located near the top of the hill southwest of Spring Lake, adjacent to the old Burleson Cabin. Many things have been named after General Burleson, but no tree has received that honor.
5. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Marie Bassett reported that both Wimberley historical marker requests were at the foundry Expected delivery of markers for Miss Lillie Dobie’s house and Wimberley-Hughes House is early August. Both recipients are planning unveiling ceremonies. The Hays County road department will put up the Calhoun Ranch marker in Mt. Sharp Road. Marie and Sarah McCleskey sent Arro Smith of San Marcos Library as many marker applications as they could as per his request. This will be an ongoing commitment. Application forms for submitting 2017 marker applications will be posted on the THC site in August. The application period is from September 1 - November 15, 2016. The committee will be resubmitting the Kyle Family Pioneer Cemetery and Coronado Cemetery applications and possibly apply for a marker for Stringtown. Hopefully, the weather would clear in order to clean some of the markers in the county.
6. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Luanne Cullen reported for Ofelia Vásquez-Philo who had been ill. Ofelia received some framed pictures of local pioneer families from the Price Center in San Marcos. Linda Coker has the pictures at the Courthouse Museum, and she described the pictures. The Little Engineers Program was going well at the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos as were other programs.
7. **Courthouse Committee Report**—Linda Coker said that Bradley Hightower, author of a book on Texas courthouses, contacted her about presenting a program on that subject. She also described the San Marcos-Hays County Family Digital History Project, and showed the new HCHC brochure. She also mentioned that the Sacks family was going to be selling their house and guests houses (the old Buda depot and various cabooses) and would be having a sale over the following weekend.

Adjourn: Delbert Bassett moved that the meeting adjourn; Cathy Dillon seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Supper followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne P. Cullen, HCHC Secretary
(photos courtesy of Luanne Cullen)

