

HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



Thursday, June 22, 2017
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Way
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The June 22, 2017, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission (HCHC) was called to order at 6:16 p.m. by Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was met as the following members were in attendance: Delbert Bassett, Marie Bassett, Eric Beckers, Luanne Cullen, Robert Frizzell, Irma Gaitan, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Jo Landon, Jo Ann Lowe, SarahAnn Lowther, Cindy Meyer, Ralph Meyer, Jerry T. Moore, Henry Oles, Marian Oles, Trisha Randow, and Ralph Randow. Six guests also attended.

Announcements—Kate Johnson thanked Peter and Mary Fay Way for hosting the evening's meeting and presented them with copies of the *Clear Springs and Limestone Ledges* and the HCHC's DVDs of local history. She said that the next meeting would be held in San Marcos on September 28, 2017. Also, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Park Service has congratulated Hays County on being a long time partner with the Certified Local Government program. This is a Federal Preservation Program, and we have been a part of this since February 1991.

1. **Vote on accepting minutes from May 25, 2017**—Jerry T. Moore moved to accept the minutes; Jo Landon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Historic Kyle RR Depot and Heritage Center**—Trisha Randow reported that two members of the Kyle Seniors group had volunteered at the Depot after she had left business cards at their luncheons. Also, Russ Moore, a retired photographer, took nice photos of the Depot and donated his work for any uses, such as on promotional items. Jo Landon had one picture painted in watercolors by Ashley Martin. Bids for the caboose renovation would be going out again because of no response the first time. The donated benches were removed from

the Depot and taken to a refinisher. The ones that cannot be used at the Depot will be used at the Government Center in San Marcos. The Master Gardener, Valerie Marburger, who had been working on the Depot's flower beds, has moved to New Braunfels, so hopefully another person will step in to take her place. Trisha reminded everyone of the Depot's hours, Sundays from 1:00-5:00 p.m. and on Market Day Saturdays from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

3. **History of Ranching Documentary**—Richard Kidd said that a trip to Pennsylvania to interview and video the restoration process of the Buck Winn murals was planned for August.
4. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jo Landon said that the request for the county to take over maintenance of the Pitts Cemetery in San Marcos had been withdrawn. On a curve approaching Antioch Cemetery in Buda, a driver lost control and went through the fence and damaged approximately 50 feet of it. Luckily no gravestones were damaged. She had filed a claim with his insurance company and had gotten estimates for repairs. She also had noted that trash was being dumped there. Jo introduced Gina Rogers who has a relative in the Duran Cemetery in Dripping Springs.
5. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Marie Bassett said that the marker committee is waiting for THC to send summarized marker texts for Stringtown and Kyle Family Pioneer Cemetery for review. They were about to begin work on an application for a Historical Marker for the Cheatham-Hohenberg cemetery.
6. **Horticulture Committee Report**—Delbert Bassett reported that they are taking care of the flower beds at the Kyle Depot and would get a contact list from the Master Gardeners in order to get help with the beds. The plants need to get established to flourish. He said they are continuing to search for big heritage trees to measure. Oak wilt had slowed down because of the drought but was spreading due to the additional rain during the spring.
7. **Hispanic History Committee Report**—Mimi Gaitan reported that the Indigenous Cultures Institute would be held at the Cuauhtémoc Hall in San Marcos with a week-long summer day camp. Then on June 30 at 7:00 p.m., a recital would showcase what the children learned during that week. Also, the Hays County post colonization Matlachines participated in the Victory Gardens/Barrio Victoria annual festival for the church, La Capilla de Guadalupe. All \$1,238.50 profits were donated to the Capilla. She had also seen Ofelia Vasquez-Philo and found her doing well, and she hoped to make contact with the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos.
8. **Courthouse Committee Report**—no report was available.

Adjourn—Eddie Gumbert moved that the meeting adjourn; Mimi Gaitan seconded the motion. Motion passed, and Kate Johnson closed the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Before supper, Peter Way spoke about history of the land and house, and Sergio Ayala from Texas State University—San Marcos described the various archeological features and excavations of the Ways’ land and gave a tour of the sites.

Respectfully submitted,
Luanne P. Cullen, HCHC Secretary
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