

## HAYS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



**Thursday, September 24, 2015**  
**Gary Keller, The Browning Ranch**  
**1601 Brownson Lane**  
**Driftwood, Texas 78619**

The September 24, 2015, meeting of the Hays County Historical Commission was called to order at 6:26 p.m. by Chairman Kate Johnson. A quorum was met as the following members were present: Diana Baker, Delbert Bassett, Marie Bassett, Sue Cohen, Linda Coker, Jim Cullen, Luanne Cullen, Robert Frizzell, Irma Gaitan, Eddie Gumbert, Dorothy Gumbert, Shelley Henry, Carmen Imel, Kate Johnson, Richard Kidd, Jo Landon, Jerry Moore, Karen Moore, Trisha Randow, and Ralph Randow. Three guests also attended. Before the meeting, Kate introduced Kasey Mock, representative of Gary Keller, who welcomed the members to the Browning Ranch and described its history, layout, and current goals, such as actively working on a regional plan to protect water resources.

1. **Announcements**—Kate Johnson announced that the next HCHC meeting would be held in Wimberley on October 22, 2015. She also wanted to meet with those members who would be assisting in scanning Kyle photos on Sunday, October 27. She thanked members who helped with the Wine Walk on October 18 and the presentation of the Burleson Documentary at the Wimberley Community Center on October 21.
2. **Vote on accepting minutes from August 27, 2015**—Jerry Moore moved to accept the minutes; Jo Landon seconded the motion. Motion passed.
3. **Kyle Depot Report**—Kate reported that the final walk-through of SpawGlass would be on September 25. She was hoping that all would be completed on October 17. Richard Kidd had completed the documentary of early Kyle that will be shown to visitors in the depot and would be showing it after the meeting.
4. **Flowers, Shrubs, & Trees Report**—Delbert Bassett said that research was continuing on the botanists who gathered information on the native plants of the area. His committee would also be assisting with the landscaping at the Kyle Depot as well as the Master Gardeners. The Texas Disposal System would be providing compost, mulch, and plants for the project. All of those efforts should result in a beautiful display of flowers in the spring.
5. **Cemetery Committee Report**—Jo Landon said that the young man who is working on his Eagle Scout project at Antioch Cemetery has placed reflectors to assist drivers on the road and has added orange tape to trees that should be removed. She reminded members that May 1 is the deadline for the Undertold Stories marker application.

6. **Oral History Committee Report**—Sue Cohen said that the project of documenting the history of the San Marcos downtown square is continuing with interviews and photographs.  
**Memorial Day Flood Documentary**—Diana Baker said that the committee is gathering notes and interviewing Wimberley residents and first responders who experienced the flood and its effects. They are also planning to video the events on October 22 in Wimberley which will pay tribute to those who had losses during the flood.
7. **Hispanic Committee Report**—Ofelia Vásquez-Philo was not able to attend the meeting but Luanne Cullen reported that the 5<sup>th</sup> annual anniversary celebration of the Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos on Saturday, September 19, 2015, was well attended with dancing, singing, food, and entertainment. The guest speaker was the Consulado General de Mexico en Austin, Carlos Gonzalez Gutierrez. The Free Library Project was also unveiled.
8. **Historical Marker Committee Report**—Marie Bassett said that she had received the text for last year's Calhoun Ranch's marker. There was a date inconsistency which was also noted by Lana Larsen's mother, so Lana and her family were going to check the original documents. As cooler weather returns, Marie would set up a demonstration for the marker committee of how to clean historical markers. She would like to do this at Dripping Springs' Pound House whose marker is needing attention. Linda Coker said that necessary cleaning materials were available at the courthouse. Marie also reminded members that the period for submitting historical marker applications would continue until November 15. Jerry Moore said that he was having difficulty getting information about Jacob's Well for a marker application but would continue trying.
9. **Courthouse Committee Report**—Linda Coker reminded members that volunteers were needed for the photo roundup at the Kyle City Hall on Sunday, September 27. Laptops and scanners would help in copying photos of Kyle's early years. She also hoped to have a committee meeting on October 10. She thanked those members who helped at the Wine Walk on September 18 and reminded everyone that another Wine Walk would be held in November.
10. **Documentary Report**—Richard Kidd said that he appreciated those who helped with the documentary showing of "Vox Pop" for the Wimberley Valley Radio group on Sept. 19 and of "Edward Burlinson—Soldier and Statesman" at the Wimberley Community Center on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Both were well received. He had completed the final edit of "Next Stop Kyle" and would present it after the meeting adjourned.
11. **Announcements**—Marie Bassett said that Pioneer Day at the Pound House in Dripping Springs would be held on Saturday, September 26. The Claiborne Kyle Log House would also hold its annual fried chicken dinner fundraiser on Saturday in Kyle. Delbert Bassett discussed the shirts that could be considered for HCHC members.
12. **Adjourn**—Sue Cohen moved that the meeting adjourn; Carmen Imel seconded the motion. The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. After the meeting, Richard Kidd showed the video "Next Stop Kyle" to the members. Supper followed the presentation.

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

