MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of February 6, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Room 1W2
Carrollton City Hall

The following members were in attendance:

Jennifer Arcizo-Hill
Fred Blair
Lynn Brien
Jo Moody
Ronald Park (Chair)
Lark Tribble

Sara Salmon (Member Emeritus)
Christopher Barton, AICP (Secretary)

The following members were absent:

Robert Boston (Vice Chair)
Barbara Warren
Janet Mayberry

The following persons were also present:

Phyllis Stromile, 4821 Wagner Drive, The Colony, 75056
972-370-9209 (H), 214-783-6276 (C)
Henry Whitley, 350 Continental Drive Apt. 1106, Lewisville, 75067
972-922-0078 (C)
Sherta Myers, 17375 Frankford Rd, Apt. 2002, Carrollton, 75007
972-492-7493 (H), 469-226-9670 (C)

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Park called for corrections or approval of the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting.

Motion by Blair, second by Tribble, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2007 meeting as presented.

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

Discussion & Consideration of
St. John Baptist Church

General discussion of the case. Blair and Moody would begin updating the case report and drafting a marker text. They would contact and work with Stromile, Whitley and Myers to do so.

Park thought they might do a double-sided, free-standing marker as had been done for the American Legion.

Stromile said that she had numerous photos of "before, during and after" the reconstruction of the building. Some of them might be used in the case narrative update. She also said that they had the property surveyed, and they were looking for an actual deed to the land. What they had was a promissory note, recorded in 1920, apparently in Tarrant County.

Barton thought that a good target date for a dedication ceremony would be July 19, 2009 (89 years after the promissory note for the land).

Blair asked if they had saved any of the original Bois d'Arc foundation blocks.

Stromile did not know that. They had the original cornerstone, which they planned to replace or display, and some of the original siding in storage, and a church bell.

Discussion & Consideration of
Other Current Projects

1. Summary of Proposed Marker Dedication Target Dates:

Bank of Carrollton	April 5, 2008
Carrollton Heights Neighborhood	December 13, 2008
St. John Baptist Church	July 18, 2009.
Union Baptist Church	November 7, 2009?
Rainbow Pharmacy/Grill	(date?)

2. Bank of Carrollton: Park said that he had a schedule conflict and would not be able to attend the dedication, which was set for April 5, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. The marker should be installed the week before the dedication. Invitations and an invitation list had been created. Invitations should be mailed the first week in March.

3. Carrollton Heights: Proposed dedication date: Saturday, December 13, 2008. Consensus of the Committee was to discuss the design and cost of the Carrollton Heights marker at a March meeting, with a goal of ordering a marker by summer.

4. Union Baptist Church: Salmon reported that Paul Price had arranged for the person who built the fence around the A.W. Perry Cemetery to fabricate a pole for the sign. Price would then install it. That should be done by the end of the week. The intent was that the post would match the existing fence.

   Barton said that Price needed to sign the state form for relocation. He would get with Salmon and they would visit with Price.

   Salmon asked about some kind of publicity or recognition. By the March meeting they should have a good idea of when some publicity could occur.

   Consensus of the Committee was that the relocation of the state marker should be publicized in the local paper, but not as a full-blown "ceremony" as they normally did for local markers. When the local "update" plaque was installed, they could do the "dedication ceremony." Since the first marker was dedicated on November 3, 1974, the local "update" plaque might be dedicated on November 7, 2009 (35 years later).

5. Conversion of Interview Tapes to DVD: blank DVD's and original VHS tapes have been delivered to Vince Cowdrey at the R.L. Turner High School. They should be converted/copied by the end of the school year. Arcizo-Hill said that she would phone Vince Cowdrey and ask about the progress, mentioning that she was taking over for Mayberry.

6. Carrollton Grain Elevators: Tribble said that she had done some investigation. According to her, Bill Blanton's memory was failing, so getting further information from his was not likely to happen. His sister-in-law, Marion, might have some information from Jack Blanton. Tribble noted that the climbing gym (Stone Works Gym) in the elevator had some information on their website, which she had copied. Her next step would be to contact Lee Groves and talk to him.

   Tribble had also been told (found out?) that the Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) had discussed getting a "donation" of paint for the elevators, and that it had been "easy" after presenting the historical information (statement by Pat Cochran in the minutes? What date?)

   Park said that he thought he knew someone (name?) who might have some history. He would get her name and information.

7. Rainbow Grill: Salmon reported that she had accompanied Boston to visit Jess and Pat Woody. Jess was able to help a little bit. Subsequently Boston met with Dave Oldfield, who has a lot of photos and some information after 1983 (when Oldfield leased the Rainbow Grill). Salmon gave Moody a copy of the time line Boston had created. Salmon thought that the information thus far was concentrating on the pharmacy aspect, and there was not enough information regarding the community social aspect. He would need some help with that.

Salmon added that Jess Woody would like recognition by resolution, for the site, and any marker to be placed in the square. Also, Woody would like some written assurance from the City that recognition would not prevent changes to the building.

Tribble noted that he had no information on the Rainbow Grill recorded on his VHS interview.

Moody said that she knew Leon Russell, son-in-law of Frank Good. She would call him and see what he knew.

8. Carrollton Brick Factories: Park said that he had not made any progress on this.

Discussion & Consideration of
The Carrollton Depot Building

Moody thought that the Committee should formally adopt this as a case.

Consensus of the Committee was that would be appropriate, Moody and Brien to be a sub-committee and begin developing a case narrative for the depot building itself.

Adjournment

Motion by Tribble, second by Brien, to adjourn. 8:36

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

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Ron Park, Chair
Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

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Christopher Barton, AICP
Secretary