



**MUSEUM AND HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MHAC)**  
City of Carrollton

Wednesday, March 8, 2023  
6:00pm

Crosby Recreation Center  
1610 E. Crosby Road  
Broadway Room

**The following members were in attendance:**


Howard Townsend (Chair), Liz Castaneda, Bernadine Paul, Chantelle Prejean, Jasmine Arambula, Sammy Rana, Isaac Giant, and Alan Gravely (Perry Family Representative)

**The following staff were in attendance:**

Heather Smith (City Liaison), Scott Whitaker (Parks & Recreation Director)

1. Call the Meeting to Order: 6:03 by Howard Townsend
2. Introductions of Visitors
  - a. Howard acknowledged each visitor.
3. Review and Approve the Minutes of January 8, 2023.
  - a. No discussion or change requests were made.
  - b. Motion to approve the minutes of January 8, 2023, by Bernadine Paul and seconded by Sammy Rana.
4. Discuss Founding Families Project
  - a. Scott Whitakers presented the Founding Families Project to the committee.
  - b. Lynette with Library did research and found that in the Peter's Colony settlement, there were 49 families identified as founding settlers in Carrollton.
  - c. The idea for a project was shared with the committee to consider a founding family project moving forward with MHAC.
  - d. MHAC asked for this item to be put on their next agenda for discussion.
  - e. Additionally, Scott asked the board to consider if they would like to develop opportunities to recognize Carrollton's fallen soldiers moving forward. He specifically used the example of Fred Marshall Howard who was enlisted in the Navy and declared missing in 1942 and deceased in 1945.
  - f. MHAC committee members suggest that all military recognition should go through the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Howard suggested that the information that was already collected be sent out to the committee members again for consideration. Heather will include this item on the next agenda.

5. Update and Discussion from the Historical Marker subcommittee
  - a. The subcommittee went out and evaluated markers. It was established that the following markers needed some work: Perry Cemetery, Carrollton Highschool, Carrollton Black Cemetery, First United Methodist Church, Riley Cemetery, Baptist Church, and Trinity Mills Marker.
  - b. Committee discussed the next steps for this group.
6. Update and Discussion from the only Public Media subcommittee
  - a. Liz updated the group that members discussed topics they would like to consider for an online presence. Discussions of Carrollton pioneers and fossils that may be considered highlighted on the website in the future were discussed.
  - b. The committee discussed that there needs to be a better way to show historical marker platforms on the website and if linking to a map is feasible.
7. Other Volunteer Opportunities
  - a. Helping with docent programs or tours.
8. Staff reports and updates
  - a. New intern Kathy started and is helping with organizing and curation.
9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Bernadine Paul, seconded by Liz Castaneda Adjournment by Howard Townsend at 7:16pm.

  
Howard Townsend, Chair  
Museum and Historic Advisory Committee

  
Heather Smith, Recreation Manager &  
Committee Staff Liaison