

## AGENDA MUSEUM AND HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE (MHAC)

City of Carrollton

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:00 pm

Crosby Recreation Center 1610 E. Crosby Road Broadway Room

## The following members were in attendance:

Isaac Gian, Sammy Rana, Cynthia Herschkowitsch, Bernadine Paul, Marisol Mahin, Chantelle Prejean, Jasmine Arambula, Howard Townsend (chair)

## The following staff were in attendance:

Justin Swaney, Katy Bower

- 1. Call to Order 6:04
- 2. Introductions visitors:
  - a. There were not any visitors present.
- 3. Review and Approve the Minutes of May 10, 2023
  - a. No discussion or change requests were made.
  - b. Motion to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2023, by Bernadine Paul and seconded by Chantelle Prejean.
- 4. Discussion and approval of accession and deaccession of A.W. Perry Homestead Museum items.
  - a. Justin Swaney proposed getting a new dishware set for the Museum and starting to rotate them on display for those visiting the property.
  - b. The team is working on bringing more special exhibits for the museum and enhancing the property on the inside, this discussion will take place in August.
  - c. All members were in favor and the motion to approve was given by Bernadine Paul and seconded by Sammy Rana.
- 5. Update and discussion on the next steps discussion from the Historical Marker Subcommittee.

- a. During the discussion it was mentioned the current state of historical markers in the city. Howard Townsend gave the updates and highlighted the locations with missing city markers and some markers that already had existing resolutions but lacked official historical markers.
- b. It was suggested to focus on repairing existing markers first to ensure they remain in good condition and subsequently work on new markers. They highlighted some issues with markers that were broken or faded and emphasized the importance of maintaining markers' historical value. All the members agreed with this and the motion to approve was given by Bernadine Paul and seconded by Isaac Gian.
- 6. Update and discussion on the next steps discussion from the Online Public Media Subcommittee.
  - a. Chantelle Prejean gave the updates. She mentioned having an Excel document with current and proposed names of landmarks on the website, as well as reviewing and updating descriptions. The committee planned to visit historical locations to gather relevant information and photographs.
  - b. During the discussion it was also mentioned that they wish to expand the list of landmarks on the website, particularly adding historic markers and creating an interactive map for a better experience. They expressed the desire to integrate historical markers into the existing art map on Carrollton's website.
- 7. Discussion for partnership with the Perry Pumpkin and Craft Show event.
  - a. Justin and Katy gave updates and information related to the event. The date for the event was set for October 21st, and it would feature the pumpkin patch with free pumpkins for families and photo opportunities. The craft show would also be open to the public, possibly featuring period-specific crafts organized by volunteers.
- 8. Other Volunteer Opportunities
  - a. Justin Swaney talked about programs with the main goal of involving more community members or board members who are passionate about history and willing to contribute to discussions and activities at the historical site. Various volunteer opportunities and plans for Christmas tours at the historical property were also discussed.
- 9. Staff reports, and updates
  - a. The Museum has a new intern named John. He will be keeping an eye on the Museum during open hours on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.
  - b. The Museum is having Special Event Exhibits. Which consists of a photography exhibit from July 11 to August 31. The staff is working on preparing the upcoming exhibits for the rest of this year and next year.
- 10. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Bernadine Paul, seconded by Sammy Rana. Adjournment at 6:59 pm.

Howard Townsend, Chair

Museum and Historic Advisory Committee

Heather Smith, Recreation Manager

Committee Staff Liaison