



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

Wednesday, March 13, 2024
6:00 pm

Crosby Recreation Center
1610 E. Crosby Road
Broadway Room

The following members were in attendance:

Howard Townsend (Chair), Chantelle Prejean, Marisol Mahin, Sammy Rana, Jasmine Arambula, Cynthia Hershkowitz, Isaac Gian.

The following members were absent:

Lisa Stavinoha, Liz Castaneda.

The following staff were in attendance:

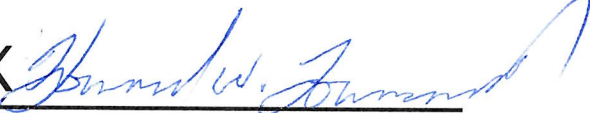
Heather Smith (City Liaison), Justin Swaney (Recreation Supervisor), Jace Earwood (Recreation Coordinator)

1. Call to Order: 6:00 pm by Howard Townsend.
2. Introductions visitors and new members.
 - Heather Smith announced Justin Swaney's recent promotion to the position of Recreation Superintendent. With this promotion, Justin's former role as a recreation supervisor now sits vacant. The department will soon initiate the recruitment process to fill this vacancy. However, until a decision is made regarding the specific allocation of duties, Justin will continue overseeing operations at the museum. Additionally, Heather informed the members of Susan Thomas' departure from the board, attributing it to Susan's candidacy for City Council. Considering this, Lisa Stavinoha will officially assume Susan's position on the board.
3. Review and Approve the Minutes of January 10, 2024.

- Motion to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2024, by Jasmine Arambula and seconded by Chantelle Prejean.
4. Discuss and vote on Historic Marker uniformity.
 - Members discussed historic marker uniformity and potential limitations on word count. They considered standardizing markers for consistency and efficiency. Examples of existing markers were presented, showcasing different styles and mounting options. Suggestions included setting word limits, using QR codes linked to interactive maps, or adding website URLs for additional information. Concerns were raised about QR code reliability and future technology changes.
 5. Discuss marker text for Railroad Crossing.
 - Members deliberated on the potential addition of narrative information to offer historical context. They discussed the necessity of adhering to resolution requirements concerning marker content and explored the option of integrating supporting documentation to guide forthcoming decisions. The subcommittee worked on acquiring relevant information and will schedule future meetings for more detailed discussion.
 6. Boatwright House Marker unveiling.
 - Heather Smith mentioned the Historical Marker unveiling for the Boatwright House, known as the Pink House, located downtown. The unveiling ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, March 30th at 11:00 AM. The significance of this addition to Carrollton's history was acknowledged by the mayor and Council, emphasizing its importance. The ceremony will include brief remarks from the Mayor and Sean Man, the current owner of the house.
 7. Presentation and vote on accession of items for the A.W. Perry Museum.
 - Justin Swaney and Jace Earwood delved into the specifics of acquiring artifacts for the A.W. Perry Homestead Museum, with a particular focus on rugs and runners. They examined the condition of existing items in the collection, noting that some were not suitable for display due to wear and tear. To address this, staff proposed acquiring replicas that closely matched the original styles, ensuring historical accuracy while preserving the originals. The committee members were all in favor and motion to approve was made by Isaac Gian, seconded by Marisol Mahin.
 - Furthermore, Jace mentioned the possibility of acquiring hair wreaths from the Victorian period. This intricate piece, crafted from human hair, was discussed in detail, including its historical significance and potential display within the museum. Members were all in favor and the motion to approve was made by Sammy Rana and seconded by Chantelle Prejean.
 8. Update and discuss next steps from the Historical Marker Subcommittee.
 - The subcommittee mentioned they will schedule upcoming meetings and compile relevant information for the next session. The discussion focused on the historical marker commemorating Carrollton's first Post Office, the original of which had been lost during downtown renovations. The board members considered the

prospect of crafting a replacement marker and discussed the idea of siting it closer to the original location.

9. Update and discuss next steps from the Online Public Media Subcommittee.
 - Subcommittee members shared that progress and meetings of the subcommittee had been delayed due to personal issues. However, they planned to meet as soon as possible to provide updates for the next MHAC meeting.
10. Update and discuss next steps from the Research Subcommittee.
 - Subcommittee members were absent during the meeting, so further decisions regarding leadership roles and subcommittee assignments were deferred until the next meeting, pending the presence of more members for a comprehensive discussion.
11. Staff reports, and updates
 - The staff updated the attendees on recent museum activities. Justin Swaney highlighted the success of the Jimmy Porter special exhibit held in February, noting a positive response from visitors and significant engagement on social media platforms. He also mentioned receiving donations and emphasized the efforts of the Museum intern, John Kutch, in managing social media content.
 - Justin and Jace Earwood discussed plans for upcoming exhibits and expressed a commitment to showcasing diverse and engaging content related to Carrollton's history. There was also a discussion about potential future exhibits featuring historical figures such as Sheriff Bill Decker, with plans to curate exhibitions based on community input and relevance to local history.
12. Adjournment
 - Motion to adjourn by Sammy Rana, seconded by Jasmine Arambula. Adjournment by Howard Townsend at 7:15 pm.

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Howard Townsend, Chair
Museum and Historic Advisory Committee

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Heather Smith, Recreation Manager
Committee Staff Liaison