

HISTORICAL MARKERS COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2020

- Markers Committee held a meeting on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 4:00 pm at Luby's on Mesa Street.
- Present were Shelby McCue & Janine Young (Co-Chairs), Woody Bare, Mark Calamia, Mark Cioc, Nancy Gonzalez, Brian Kanoff, Prince McKenzie
- Shelby McCue and Mark Calamia provided an update on the status of the project to replace the wayside exhibits at the three missions. Shelby presented a draft of a letter for the parishes to sign giving permission for the replacement of the signage. The committee approved a motion to accept the draft of the letter.

MOTION: To accept the draft of the letter with any subsequent revisions suggested by committee members and present to County legal department for approval, followed by presentation to the parishes. Motion made by Janine Young and seconded by Nancy Gonzalez.

Mark Calamia informed the committee that he will have a meeting by phone with the company to manufacture the wayside exhibit signs. Shelby asked to also be on the call with the company. The company is in Pennsylvania.

- Janine Young provided an update on the status of the 2020 historical marker application process. The website of the Texas Historical Commission still indicates that the marker application period has been postponed indefinitely. No marker applications (new, replacement, local or cemetery) can be requested until THC contracts with a new foundry. Shelby and Janine will contact THC to get an update on the texts of the markers in process including the Casa Ortiz replacement marker, new markers for the Texas Western 1966 basketball team and Second Baptist Church, and two Undertold Story markers, Marcelino Serna and women's suffrage.
- Mark Cioc informed the committee that he was working on markers for the Gardner Hotel, Blue Whistler Cannon at Eastwood High School, and the Colon Theater. Prince McKenzie suggested that markers about the arrival of the railroad to El Paso be relocated to downtown El Paso. Woody Bare reported that the Cemetery Committee will be submitting an application for the Old Clint Cemetery for a cemetery medallion once the application period opens.
- Shelby thanked Gary Williams for leading the group that revised the Socorro Mission brochure and complimented the quality of the brochure.

- Shelby requested that the regular meetings of the Markers Committee be moved to the third Tuesday of each month to accommodate a standing committee meeting that he has for the Homeless Coalition of El Paso. The committee members agreed to the change and indicated that it did not present a conflict with any of their schedules.
- With no further business, the Committee adjourned at 4:55 pm. The next meeting of the Markers Committee will be on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** at 4 pm at Luby's.