

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

**El Paso County Historical Commission ~ Mission Trail Development Special Committee**

**Thursday, January 23, 2019 | 5:00 PM | Sombras Del Pasado, San Elizario, TX**

### **1. Sign In and Welcome**

Meeting began at 5:15 PM.

Attendees: Emil Chaparro, Lillian Trujillo, Al Borrego, Maya Sanchez, Estela Padilla, Magda Maureira, Elsa Trejo, Nellie Alvarado, Tere Rodriguez, David Cantu, Jose Landeros, Charlotte Kahn

### **2. Date and Location of Next Meeting**

Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 5:00 PM, Sombras Del Pasado

### **3. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. San Elizario:** Special guest on Old Spanish Trail, Charlotte Karl, borough in to speak about the OST and the upcoming conference in March in Alpine, TX. SE invited to participate in conference. Socorro Road is part of the OST. We've been commended on the section of the OST in the Mission Trail. Invitation for exhibits at the conference in March. Check website for registration information. Genealogy society has been contacted to put an exhibit together. Commissioner Borrego: Feb 19-21 is Binational Tourism Conference in Chihuahua, San Eli is exhibiting there, will promote Camino Real, San Eli, and Mission Trail, seeking cooperation with other subcommittees to put together the Mission Trail bit (Spanish); same exhibit, but in English will be presented at the Sister Cities Conference in Juarez (Feb 26-28); seeking collaboration from other subcommittees for the upcoming San Eli Conference in April. Still working with county on projects to enhance the historical beauty of the town, press coverage has been helpful to spread good work being done here.
- b. Socorro:** The brochure is at the printer! Oral history workshop is in planning, we will invite the rest of the committee once the date is finalized. University of Denver graduate student is still expected to come to inventive the old Socorro

Mission site during Spring Break. Mark is sharing info with the student as he prepares to visit.

- c. Infrastructure: county has allocated funding to design and fabricate directional signage for the Mission Trail in partnership with Economic Development and Public Works. Valerie and Jose are working on this project. Looking into signage for Butterfield Trail, opportunity to work with Parks to have Tierra Adentro and Butterfield work together to get people to explore both trails. Jose to meet with EPE to see if anything can be done with the substation on the Mission Trail to make it more historically sensitive. Chain link grants are being accepted and residents are encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity. Need to make sure signs are correct and updated or maintained, need collaboration with TxDOT, especially at FM 1110 and I-10. Call county about damage to brown signs on the trail.

#### **4. County Update**

Casa Ronquillo land acquisition complete! Progress should be visible soon and requests for feedback will be solicited as work commences. Committee members want to know what the access will be as part of the land acquisition and how it could affect projects in San Eli.

#### **5. Historic Markers Project Idea**

Mr. Williams sent an email with an idea for the committee that can start in San Eli. Signs that need cleaning can be tackled as a team project after a training through YouTube video. Mr Landeros suggested that this could be outsourced to graffiti services or community service. He will follow up with Public Works to see if there is a potential opportunity for them to work on this.

#### **6. Calendar**

Feb 1: San Elizario, around the baseball park, 10 am, seis planting 22 trees to commemorate 6 months since the shooting.

Feb 1: 2-4, Presidio Hall, district 23 meet and greet for Jaime Escuder from Alpine

#### **7. Other Items**

Alejandra: city of Socorro starting an after school and intercession youth art program, need a site for a mural that has a historical theme.

Mark Calamia hoping to begin his Tierra Adentro ethnographic study in the Summer. Needs help with transcriptions, translations, introductions to contributors.