

WEBB COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes

The Webb County Historical Commission met for a regular meeting on Wednesday, September 23, 2009 at 12:15 P.M. at the Webb County Records Administration Building, 7117 E. Saunders Avenue. Attending were: Joe Moreno, Rebecca Sepulveda, Elizabeth Gill, Margarita Araiza, Nelda Rodriguez, Bibi Garza Gongora, Eliza Gutierrez, Annabelle Hall and Jose Roberto Juarez.

- I. Joe Moreno called the meeting to order.
- II. Minutes were not available for approval.
- III. Chairman's Communications – Mr. Moreno reported attempts to meet with the Webb County Judge and county staff members to discuss potential celebration of the courthouse anniversary.
- IV. Discussion and possible action on the 100th anniversary celebration of the Webb County Courthouse building. – Mrs. Gutierrez reported discussing the event with the county judge and he expressed concern about a weeklong celebration of events. It was reported that the Salinas Trust had offered to sponsor a contest for students to design a stained glass window for the third floor stairway landing as part of the celebration.

Members selected Friday, December 4 as the proposed date for the event and asked that a letter containing a proposal for the day's events be sent by the commission to the county judge for his formal approval and presentation to commissioner's court on the following Monday. Mrs. Sepulveda was asked to draft a letter to be signed by Vice Chair Mrs. Hall since Mr. Moreno would be out of the city on September 10.

It was discussed that the event could include an invitation to the families of former judges, that there be an open house, a ceremony, music, a printed program, proclamation and time capsule. A possible Saturday lecture on the life and work of Alfred Giles was discussed. Ms. Araiza proposed a possible related exhibit at the Border Heritage Museum. The proposed events were approved on a motion by Odie Arambula and a second by Mrs. Gutierrez.

- V. Committee Reports – Mrs. Sepulveda made a motion and Mrs. Hall seconded a motion to dispense with discussion of other reports. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Other business – Dr. Juarez reported that a marker for the community of Bruni would be installed soon. Ms. Rodriguez reported that an update on the commission's new web site would be made soon.
- VII. Announcements – Ms. Araiza announced October events scheduled by the Webb County Heritage Foundation, including an exhibit of Haunted Laredo, ghost tours and Friday night movies on the patio of the Border Heritage Museum.
- VIII. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Rebecca C. Sepulveda, Secretary