

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes November 4, 2013
Conroe Chamber of Commerce

1. **The November 4, 2013 meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission was called to order at 5:34 p.m.** by Gertie Spencer, filling in for Larry Foerster.
2. **Members in attendance:** Gertie Spencer, Brenda Beaven, David Frame, David “Jay” Hrivnatz, Nancy Jackson, Anna Sheppard, Joel Deretchin, James Walker, Lonnie Clover, Maria Banos Jordan, Barbara Holland and Sue Ann Powell.
3. **Barbara Holland, new Commission member, was introduced.** She shared information about her interest in the Tamina area of The Woodlands. Zack Beneda, a member of the Youth Advisory Board and Senior at Conroe High School Academy of Science Professions, was also introduced.
4. **Comments from the public:** Robin Montgomery announced involvement in Huntsville’s annual March 2nd celebration—focusing on the “Tennessee Connection to Texas”.
5. **Motion was made by Jay Hrivnatz and seconded by Anna Sheppard to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.**
6. **Update was given** by Nancy Jackson on the restoration of Thomas Chapel. She stated “The congregation was beaming with pride.” Gertie Spencer reported that two oilfield buildings have been donated to the Heritage Museum. They will be moved behind the Museum. George Strake had “Sears” house built for drillers. Collection about the oil field will be put in that house. Brenda Beaven announced that the new owners of the historical home, “Magnolia”, will have it ready for the Historical House Tour in Montgomery December 14th. The original furnishings were sold in an estate sale.
7. **An update on the status of the new Commission website and Facebook** was given by David Frame. He reported having some problems finding the locations of all the cemeteries and all the historical markers in the County. Gertie Spencer directed him to this information at the Heritage Museum. Heather Montgomery has done some updates on the Calendar, David stated.
8. **Brenda Beaven stated the members of the Youth Advisory Board** will assist with the Home Tour. The next meeting of the Youth Advisory Board will be November 17th, on the west steps of the Courthouse. A group picture of the students in their Polo shirts will be taken.
9. **The History Road Rally will take place in Montgomery on January 25th,** in conjunction with the Celebration of the 175th birthday of the Texas Flag. A life-size bronze of C. B. Stewart will be unveiled at Cedar Brake Park. The Youth Advisory Board is working on the Road Rally details.
10. **The bid proposal for printing “Montgomery County Historical Timeline” by HPN Books of San Antonio** was discussed and tabled until the next meeting. Three bids are needed.
11. **Jay Hrivnatz gave a PowerPoint presentation entitled “Historical Resource Survey”,** bringing the 1980-81 survey up to date. He referred to the Cultural Resources Inventory of 1980-81, focusing on pictures of buildings that might be National Register-worthy. His presentation included: **Phase 1:** Identification (put eyes on the buildings and record findings), What’s changed? What’s lost? “Refresh” (2012-2013 Survey: Taking what we have and put it on line.), What’s threatened? What remains? **Phase 2:** Identify the rest. Fifty years is cut off. This will include those buildings that didn’t quite make the first cut (Second Chances and Missed). Some of the buildings he has identified: Those built in the Boom Years (1950’s): Old Montgomery County Hospital that has been repurposed, Sam Houston Elementary—repurposed, Old Bus Station, County Library now the Tax Office, Wise Grocery in Willis, Taliferro structure near Richards.
12. **The date of the next meeting will be January 6, at 5:30 p.m.**
13. **Motion to adjourn was made by Anna Sheppard and seconded by Nancy Jackson. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.**

Submitted by:

Sue Ann Powell, Secretary