

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes – November 5, 2018
Chamber of Commerce

1. **The regular meeting of the Montgomery County Historical Commission** was called to order on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 5:35 p.m. by Chair Larry Foerster. Robin Bartholet served as acting secretary.
2. **Members present:** Larry Foerster, Gertie Spencer, Brenda Beaven, David Frame, Beverly Smythe, Anna Shepeard, Heather Montgomery, Ron Saikowski, Robin Montgomery, Carolyn Carroll, Robin Bartholet, Jo Dell Whitehead, T. J. Wilkerson, Missy Ringo and Kim Hignett.
3. **Guests:** John Sellars – applicant to Board, Rebecca Werner – applicant to Board, Emery Heuermann – MCGHS, Elaine Collings – DAR, Lyn Howard – Isaac Conroe Home, Floyd Montgomery – Montgomery history
4. **Comments:** 1) **Maria Banos Jordan** invited the members to the Walker County Historical Commission meeting Thursday, November 7, 2019. Robin Montgomery will discuss his latest book, Sam Houston Quest: The Cherokee and African American Virtue Agenda. 2) **Larry Foerster** reminded everyone about the Historical marker for the Strake-Gray House at the Heritage Museum. The dedication will take place Saturday, November 10, 2019 at 3 p.m. 3) **Larry** told the Commission that he was interviewed for a television. program about the Lone Star Monument and Flag Park. 4) **Emery Heuermann from the Montgomery County Genealogical and Historical Society** reminded Commission of the Thursday, November 10, 2018 meeting at the Strake-Gray House. Merry Wise will be the guest speaker and will give a presentation on her father" time in the service during WWI.
5. **Approval of the minutes from the last meeting** was passed on due to the absence of Sue Ann Powell.
6. **Update on Montgomery County Historical Marker booklet** – Ron Saikowski. No action.
7. **The annual History Road Rally was discussed.** It will be held in Montgomery on January 26, 2019, from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m.
8. **Consideration of a press release in connection with the WWI Armistice on November 11, 2018** was discussed. A moment of silence at 11 a.m. will take place. **Motion by Anna Shepeard and seconded by Gertie Spencer that the Commission take part was approved.**
9. **A resolution to support the preservation of the Isaac Conroe Home was presented. Motion made by Jo Dell Whitehead and seconded by Maria Banos Jordan. Motion passed. A copy of the resolution was presented to Lyn Howard by Larry Foerster.**
 - a. **Peter Haynes, President of the 110-year-old Living Savior Lutheran Church** in Montgomery spoke about the restoration of the steeple for the church. He asked to be considered for a donation to help with the cost. **Motion by Maria Banos Jordan and seconded by Brenda Beaven to go on record to support the project. Motion passed.**
 - b. **Maria Banos Jordan will attend the Texas Historical Conference** and represent the Commission.
 - c. **Ron Saikowski invited the Commission to the Christmas on Main Street** event that will take place on Tuesday, November 27, in downtown Conroe.
10. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Distinguished Service Award Committee – Heather Montgomery** asked the members for consideration of recipients of the Distinguished Service Award. Jon Eden's name was mentioned by Larry Foerster for the work Jon is doing for the cemetery on 10th street.
 - b. **MCHC Website and Facebook** – David Frame and Frank Johnson. Chairman David Frame addressed the website and how it could be improved. Emery Heuermann also volunteered to help keep upcoming events current using the present site. After much discussion, it was decided that the Committee would meet to evaluate the best way to improve the website, and report at the January 7, 2019 meeting. Committee members: David Frame, Frank Johnson, Barkley Dominey, John Sellars and Emery Heuermann.
 - c. **Youth Advisory Board** – Brenda Beaven, Missy Ringo and Carolyn Carroll made comments on the recent cemetery tombstone cleaning that the YAB members participated in on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Everyone enjoyed the experience and Larry's history lesson was appreciated.
 - d. **MCHC Historical Preservation Grants** – Anna Shepeard and Gertie Spencer. No applications
 - e. **County and State Historical Markers** – There were no applications for County or State historical markers at this time, according to Anna Shepeard.
 - f. **Endangered Buildings Committee – Ron Saikowski** reported that progress was being made on the old Everett Hardware Store building and the old bank building next door. Ron presented Larry with a Pursuit of Excellence Award by the Greater Arts Alliance. Ron also reported that the old Carter Drug Store had recently been purchased by JODY CZAJKOSKI and that Jody was also working on a narrative on Sacred Heart Catholic Church for a historical marker.
11. **No applications for reimbursements were requested.**
12. **Nomination for two Board members:** 1) **John Sellars – Motion by Anna Shepeard and seconded by Jo Dell Whitehead. Approved.** 2) **Rebecca Werner – Motion by Missy Ringo and seconded by Anna Shepeard. Approved.**
13. **The next Commission meeting will be held on January 7, 2019.** Lyn Howard has offered to host the meeting at the Isaac Conroe home at 5:30 p.m.
14. **Motion made by Ron Saikowski and seconded by John Sellars to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m.**

Submitted by:
Robin Bartholet, Acting Secretary