

**SCHERTZ HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

Committee Members in Attendance:

Patricia Barnes	Pete Perez	Susie Raiford (remotely)
Paul Ringenbach	Judith Williams	Rosalyn Wise
Dr. Miguel Vazquez		

Committee Members Absent:

Daniel “Frenchy” Bourgeois	Howard Alperin	Jason Blataric
Jesse Gonzales	Richard “Monty” Gonzalez	Dean Midlick
Tricia Whitman		

City Representative in Attendance:

Brian James	Cyndi Simmons
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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at **6:36 PM** by Vice-Chairman Weirtz.

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ITEMS:

1. Minutes – Consideration and/or action regarding the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 28, 2021. Dean Weirtz expressed appreciation on behalf of the committee to Cyndi Simmons for the detailed minutes.
  - Rosalyn Wise offered the following corrections:
    - Page 3, “Dean Weirtz commented that we lot...” Should be “lost”.
    - Page 10, Need end quote after “contents of the guidebook”.
    - Page 14, “Motion passed unanimously”. Change to “Motion passed with one Nay”.
    - Motion made by Judith Williams and seconded by Pete Perez to approve minutes with above corrections. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Fund Expenditures – Consideration and/or action regarding the submission of member expense vouchers and approval of fund expenditures.
  - None reported.
3. Book Sales Report – Consideration and/or action regarding book sale activities during the last quarter and other fiscal activities.
  - One yellow book was sold this quarter -- \$13.85 (\$15.00 total, but \$1.15 goes to the city).
  - Rosalyn Wise reports that she bought a book at the visitor’s center recently. Dean Weirtz remarked that it will appear in next quarter’s sales.
4. Publication of the Winter 2022 Committee Newsletter, Remembrances Special Edition Article 2022-1, and Committee Annual Report for 2021 – Consideration and/or action regarding the publication of the Committee Winter 2022 Newsletter, the Remembrances Special Edition Article 2022-1, and Committee Annual Report for 2021.

- Dean Weirtz reports that he received corrections/amendments from committee members and has made those changes. Asked if there were any further changes and no one offered any additional comments.
- Dean Weirtz also reported that one of the documents is the “Cibolo Valley Mid-Century – The Decade of the 1950’s” and this document will be placed in the high school and city libraries around the area as well as sent to all our addressees who receive our publications and the historical museum in New Braunfels.
- Dean Weirtz asked if there were any changes/amendments for the Annual Report. He commented that for those who haven’t been around for the annual reporting, we do this every January to let the City Council know what we’ve accomplished during the year. We only send them the summary page of the document. Rosalyn Wise asked if it has already been submitted to Council and Dean Weirtz replied that we haven’t sent it to them yet and won’t until it has been approved the committee.
- At this time Dean Weirtz also recognized Rosalyn Wise for submitting the 12 “Looking Back” articles for the 2022 Schertz Magazines. Rosalyn Wise confirmed that she sent the articles in December for the 2022 Schertz Magazine publications. She was asked to pare down the articles as they were too lengthy and she asked that they change the font to accommodate the content. She had sent the articles to the committee members and received feedback. She took information from the Schertz, Texas “A Photo History” book. Next year – for 2023 – she is suggesting that we ask citizens for memories of Schertz. Her vision is to give the City of Schertz residents interesting and factual information. If you come across anyone who has been here their whole life, ask them to submit an article. Tricia Whitman gave her an article about her tribal nation so that will be published in November 2022 for American Native Month. She is taking the months and incorporating articles surrounding that month’s national recognition, i.e. Black History. She is looking for articles for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month as well.
  - Dean Weirtz commented that she may want to visit the Senior Center and visit with folks there that can assist with this project.
  - Miguel Vazquez asked if she is aware of any Schertz descendants now that are still in the area. Dean Weirtz replied that there are one or two and that we’ve had some visitors with the Schertz last name – two different families. They are from Illinois and Alabama. They are looking into whether they have a direct relationship to our families. We had a function here and nearly a dozen folks came who had some kind of connection to the Schertz name.
- Dean Weirtz reports on the articles regarding the pandemic. It deals with four aspects of the pandemic: 1. National Response; 2. State of Texas Response; 3. County Response; and 4. City Response. The National Response is continuing to progress as it goes through Omicron. The State Response continues to progress as they continue to promote the various antibody treatments. County and City are pretty much closed down, with the exception of providing advice if anyone wants advice on what’s happening, but they most often refer them to the State Health Department. As soon as the National and State activity declares that the pandemic is over, that’s when this publication will close and he hopes it will be in the next couple of months.
  - Rosalyn Wise asked if he was doing all of the writing. Dean Weirtz responded, yes, that he’s doing all of the writing. He never opened it up because he knew

what a task it is to be continually researching, keeping your eye open, and having the sources as to where we're at on this thing.

- Motion made by Paul Ringenbach and Rosalyn Wise seconded to approve the newsletter, the remembrance article, and the annual report. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Consideration of a "Time Capsule" for development by the SHPC – Consideration and/or action regarding the development of a "Time Capsule".
- Dean Weirtz reports that at the last meeting, the process was approved. He then presented a slide presentation regarding the information to be included in the time capsule (See Attached). *At this time, Dean Weirtz's comments regarding the presentation became inaudible.*
    - Paul Ringenbach asked that the presentation be sent to everyone for editing.
    - Judith Williams asked if there was a deadline and Dean Weirtz replied that the deadline is at our next meeting. She also asked if the schools had submitted anything and they have not.
    - Dean Weirtz is placing current currency in the capsule as well – 2017 quarters and a \$1 bill.
    - Rosalyn Wise has an iPhone shell and Covid test and possibly a mask to submit.
    - Miguel Vazquez suggests that, if possible, we put current senior class photos in there as well.
6. Cibolo Valley Community Museum Association (CVCMA) & Schertz Historical Preservation Committee (SHPC) Collaborations – Consideration and/or action regarding collaboration activities of CVCMA and SHPC pertaining to historical preservation matters within the Schertz and surrounding community areas.
- Dean Weirtz reports that the only collaboration we are currently working on is a display at the First United Bank by HEB. They are putting an exhibit in their bank with murals of historical Schertz. The committee should be receiving invitations to the Open House when it is complete – sometime in March or April.
7. Subcommittee Reports
- Historian – Rosalyn Wise has already reported on the "Looking Back" articles for Schertz magazine.
    - Miguel Vazquez commented that there was a question on the Seiler Cemeteries about whether they were Texas Historical Cemeteries and they both are. Would like to see our committee assist with obtaining the historical cemetery notation for other cemeteries that would qualify. It doesn't take that much work and some are pretty small. Dean Weirtz advised for him to look at our cemetery journals that we produced several years ago where everything was photographed and identified for placement. Miguel Vazquez responded that it is a matter of sending that information to the Texas Historical Commission and they will give an official medallion. Dean Weirtz also remarked that at the last meeting we discussed the eventual development of a trail to at least two or three cemeteries.
  - Outreach – No further comments.
8. Updates from Staff – Consideration and/or action regarding the updates from City Staff.
- Dean Weirtz reports that City Council and Staff are still progressing on the Main Street project.
    - Brian James reports that we have a tentative meeting date set at the end of this month with just the Main Street Committee and Dean Weirtz as the Historical

representative to go over a couple of schematics that the consultant has prepared so we can get feedback and move forward.

- Dean Weirtz commented that there was much discussion at the last meeting regarding all of the automobiles that are parked along Main Street so the City is trying to resolve that issue.

#### REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

##### 9. Request by Committee Members that items be placed on a future agenda.

- Rosalyn Wise suggests the following topics for a future agenda:
  - Small Pow Wow discussion for educational purposes
  - Review of SHPC by-laws
  - Tours for cemeteries
  - Tours for history
  - Updates on trails
  - January election for positions? Nominations for positions
  - Car show
- Dean Weirtz commented that the vote last meeting for the Pow Wow was 4-4. There wasn't a vote that said we would pursue the Pow Wow idea. Rosalyn Wise responded that 4-4 wasn't a no and that it was understood that we would revisit the smaller Pow Wow. Dean Weirtz responded that we were also waiting for Tricia Whitman to make a small presentation to the committee. Rosalyn Wise also remarked that these items need to be placed on future agendas so they don't get lost or forgotten and should be put on there until the topics are finalized, resolved, or completed. Rosalyn Wise also commented that on page 13 of the minutes Tricia Whitman will be put on the agenda.
- Miguel Vazquez suggests the following topic for a future agenda:
  - Unveiling of the Texas Historical Marker at Schertz-Cibolo Cemetery in the fall.
- Dean Weirtz reminded that we haven't stopped restoring the locations of the historic neighborhood on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. The Parks Department (Lauren Shrum) has promised that in March or April, a contractor will come and clear all the rubble at the corner.

##### 10. Requests by Committee Members to City Manager and Staff for information.

- No requests.

##### 11. Announcements by Committee Members

- Rosalyn Wise requests submission of more information for the Car Show Guidebook so it will be documented in preparation for this year's car show.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At **7:29 PM**, meeting was adjourned by Dean Weirtz.