

Centennial Celebration Committee

February 4, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Raymond Guidry, Ruth Rendon, Emken Linton, Kenneth Clark, Joe DeSanto, Melissa Tortorici, Larry Edrozo, Michael Griffin, Mike Land, Scooter Wilson, Don Gartman, Jami Clark, Dedrick Johnson, Mayor Doyle, Michael Marr, Deborah Laine, Matt Sandel, Monica James, Leslie Henderson, Judry Farrell, Jenny Senter, Jimmy Hayley, Fred Newhouse, Bob Brundrett, Rob Heifner, Charles Brooks, Pat & Stephanie Doyle, Doreen Hughes, Donald Singleton, Mark Ciavaglia, JoAnn Hackbarth

Emken Linton presented the following Items, some of which are Re-Caps:

- Official Name of Committee is: **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**
- Celebration will take place Friday, Saturday and Sunday, September 16-18, 2011.
- Committee and event is to educate the public about Texas City
- The Committee will provide a Centennial gift to City
- A Look to the future will be part of the purpose of the celebration, also
- Football game on September 16 is a home game – need to incorporate into the activities
- December of 2010 will start activities as we highlight one decade each month up to September 2011 – December will highlight 1911 to 1920, and so on for the next ten months
- There are 3 events that occur annually in December that we should be able to tie into the 100 year celebration – The City's Christmas Parade, Historical Society's Celebration of the Season, and the City's New Year's Eve party
- There are 34 events in a year between the City and Chamber alone. Still need to review TCISD's schedule for other events we can tie into

Emken Linton then outlined three committees needed to start right away:

- Events Committee – To look at what activities are already going on that we can tie into and to plan various events
- Logo Committee – TCISD students have submitted some designs – need to include COM
- History Committee – Library has already initiated some work gaining information and is prepared to work closely with this committee.

Emken presented some ideas submitted by Judy Slocumb Farrell after the last meeting:

- **What is our purpose:** Need to make sure all areas feel a part of celebration
- Create an awareness: Things people should know like the sirens system, why some things have the names that they do, that the forefathers were really ahead of their time by dedicating so much land that now houses city hall, the convention center, Lowry Center, and Nessler Pool, etc.
- **Slogan:** *Celebrate the Centennial* – Stephanie Doyle suggested and everyone agreed
- **Promotions:** Hats, shirts, etc.

Emken Listed the Committees and outlined what each was required to provide by the next meeting: Timeline, goals, ideas, budget, and other needs, and then requested Chairs for each. After all committees had chairs, members volunteered to serve on the committees. The result was as follows:

- **Events Committee:** Chair - Jami Clark, Scooter Wilson, Stephanie & Pat Doyle, Jenny Senter, Kenneth Clark, Joe DeSanto
- **History Committee:** Chairs - Larry Edrozo & JoAnn Hackbarth, Rob Heifner, Dedrick Johnson

- **Promotions:** Chair - Judy Slocumb Farrell, Jenny Senter, Jimmy Hayley
- **Communications & Media:** Chairs - Melissa Tortorici & Nick Finan
- **Parade:** Chair - Jay Williams, Don Gartman
- **TCISD:** Chair - Deborah Laine, Mary & Kyle Dickson, Bob Brundrett
- **Volunteers:** Chairs - John Amato & Hazel Surratt
- **Gift for City:** Chair - Matt Doyle
- **Budget:** Chair - Mike Griffin
- **Logo:** Chairs - Ruth Rendon & Michael Marr, Fred Newhouse, Lauri Costner
- **Fundraising Committee:** Chair - Doreen Hughes, Raymond Guidry, Matt Doyle, Walter Treybig
- **Outreach Committee:** Mark Ciavaglia, Matt Sandal

Roland Castanie agreed to do another panel of art for the 100th Anniversary

Committees meet before next meeting and start planning. All committees need to make sure they have an idea of a budget of what they need to perform the functions. Events committee, since most events are already existing, they don't need to figure a budget for those events, but the celebration event and what it needs to operate/plan/coordinate with the other events.

All committees may seek additional volunteers, but all names should be directed through the volunteer committee to make sure the volunteer pool is balanced. The City will start publicizing the need for volunteers and will provide John Amato and Hazel Surrat e-mails as a point of contact through the city resources – webpage, channels 16 & 17, etc.

All committee chairs need to contact Emken Linton to inform him of the first meeting each committee is having as well as any other committees.

Next Meeting Date: March 10 – 5:00 PM – Captain's Room, Nessler Center

Matthew T. Doyle, Mayor
City of Texas City

Nicholas J. Finan, (Acting Secretary)
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