MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of September 2, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Room 1W2
Carrollton City Hall

The following members were in attendance:

Robert Boston (Vice Chair)
Charlene Gaffney
Carole Lucio
Mia Marzullo
Ronald Park (Chair)
Lark Tribble

Sara Salmon (Member Emeritus)

Christopher Barton, AICP (Secretary)

The following members were absent:

Julie Hall
Jo Moody

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Park called for corrections or approval of the minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Tribble, second by Boston, to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2009 meeting as presented.

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

Discussion & Consideration of the
Blanton Grain Elevator

Tribble stated that she really did not have any new information to add to the case narrative. She would look at the old newspapers in the Carrollton library for the year 1950 again to see if there were any stories on the starting or completion of the elevator. Also, she did not see many stories covering the Blanton family, other than some covering the daughters hosting social teas, etc.

She was still trying to find out when the "Groves Electric" sign had been painted on the top house, but Lee Groves was not speaking to her, except through Judy Scamardo. Unfortunately, Scamardo's husband had just suffered a serious heart attack, so she was unable to help Tribble just now.

Tribble showed the group various photos of the elevators she had, and asked Marzullo to help her select appropriate ones to include in the case narrative.

She also showed a newspaper article (Dallas Morning News, July 21, 2005) reporting that the City really did not want any historic recognition for the elevator. But was that an official position of the City, and had it been changed since the City now leased the exterior of the elevator and had spent money to repaint it?

Boston told a story about a conversation he had with Mayor Stokes when Boston went through the Carrollton Government Academy several years ago. Stokes told Boston "we're tearing that down." When Boston asked about painting the elevator to make it more attractive, he was told "it was impossible to do."

Tribble continued that she was wanting to meet with Lee Groves, perhaps with Judy Scamardo's help. She wanted to firm up the dates of the pouring of the concrete and the completion date of the elevator. Also, she had set up a meeting with Bill Blanton (only surviving son of L.F. Blanton) and his wife Clovis for the week of September 9, and a meeting with Marion Blanton, widow of Jack Blanton (other son of L.F. Blanton) for the week of September 16.

> *Consensus of the committee was that this case could be moved to the "Other Projects" category on future agendas until such time as additional information was available. Since the proposed marker dedication was May 15, 2011 they had sufficient time.*

Discussion & Consideration of
Other Current Projects

1. First Baptist Centennial: Marker ordered. Dedication date is Wednesday, December 16, 2009. An invitation should be designed and sent out about mid-November. The committee decided that they needed to develop an invitation, invitation list and select a marker location. Boston asked to meet with Reverend Taylor to familiarize himself with the program, as he would likely be making the speech for the marker. Tribble said she would work to set that up. After general discussion, it was determined that this meeting should occur in October.

2. Union Baptist Church "Companion" Marker: The dedication date is to be in May, 2010 (114 years after dedication of the site). In order to meet that date, the marker should be ordered about November 2009. The marker text has been created.

3. Carrollton Depot: Lucio said that she and Hall were still collecting information. If a marker was to be placed in December 2010, the case report should be complete late spring of 2010.

4. Rainbow Grill: Case narrative and time line. Proposed marker dedication date is December 14, 2011 (date in 1929 the name "Rainbow Pharmacy" was created). Boston reminded everyone that it might be desirable to have some kind of duplicate or image of the marker on a wall inside the building, perhaps near the west end of the soda counter.

Other Business

- Salmon asked for the Historic Resource Survey to be added to the agenda of the meeting of October 7 for discussion. Barton apologized for his error in not placing it on tonight's agenda as had been previously requested.

- Park noted that elections for new officers would be coming up soon, in October or November, after new members were appointed by City Council.

Adjournment

Motion by Tribble, second by Marzullo, to adjourn. 8:05

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

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Ron Park, Chair
Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

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Christopher Barton, AICP
Secretary