MINUTES
HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of April 1, 2009, 7:00 p.m.

Room 1W2
Carrollton City Hall

The following members were in attendance:

Robert Boston (Vice Chair)
Julie Hall
Carole Lucio
Mia Marzullo
Ronald Park (Chair)
Lark Tribble

Sara Salmon (Member Emeritus)

Christopher Barton, AICP (Secretary)

The following members were absent:

David Clinger
Jo Moody

The following person was also present:

Dr. Brent Taylor, Pastor, First Baptist Church Carrollton

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Park called for corrections or approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting.

Motion by Tribble, second by Boston, to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2009 meeting as presented.

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

Discussion & Consideration of the
First Baptist Church Centennial

Park welcomed Dr. Brent Taylor to the meeting, and asked if he would like to discuss the proposed First Baptist Church Centennial recognition case.

Taylor thanked the committee for working on this case. It was quite an achievement for a church to last 100 years, and he appreciated all the work the committee had put into developing the case narrative. Taylor wished that all the church congregation knew the history of the church as well as HPAC did.

Tribble asked Taylor his thoughts on the case narrative, time line and proposed marker text. Did they seem accurate and complete?

Taylor replied that they did. He did have a question regarding whether a marker could be moved to another site, if the church moved. He thought some documentation of whether that was possible would add a final layer of assurance for the church.

Tribble asked Barton to explain local historic recognition, and how that would apply in this case.

Barton explained that there were two ways in Carrollton that the City could bestow local recognition: by ordinance or by resolution. Recognition by ordinance could come with regulations, limits, etc. Only the Carrollton Heights Historic District had ever been recognized by ordinance. Recognition by resolution did not come with any such regulations, protections, etc.

Recognition by resolution was being proposed for the First Baptist Church Centennial.

Further, local recognition could be for a person, place or thing. In this case, the proposed recognition was for the congregation - not the site or any building. Therefore, the marker could follow the congregation if it moved.

An example of this was the local recognition of the First United Methodist Church. Their new campus was on Hebron Parkway, and there was nothing historic about that site or building there. Their recognition and marker were for the congregation itself.

Barton continued that now that this explanation was “on the record,” and once HPAC approved these minutes, he would mail Taylor a copy of them.

Lark added that once City Council approved the case, HPAC would need to get with Taylor and coordinate the unveiling on Wednesday, December 16, 2009 and where the marker would be set.

Taylor asked about the marker placement.

Barton explained that HPAC typically placed markers on public right-of-way, where the public could easily see it, yet still pull off the road and have a safe, convenient place to park so they could walk up and read the marker.

Lark asked Barton to explain about his idea for planting some trees.

Barton said that the City had a "jubilee tree fund/program." It occurred to him that it might be nice for First Baptist Church to "contribute" funds to that program. In exchange, the City would plant a commemorative tree for each of the thirteen founding members of FBC. The idea was that the single-stem white crepe myrtle was becoming the "signature" tree for Carrollton, and it would help improve the appearance of Josey Lane and the FBC parking lot. The trees would be planted along the street.

Taylor replied that was an interesting idea, and he would discuss it with the congregation.

Tribble closed by saying their goal was to forward the case to City Council for their consideration in June. It would likely be on their consent agenda on the first Tuesday in June.

Park noted an error in both the time line and case narrative, referring to the site of the Bank of Carrollton.

Tribble said that would be corrected.

She also pointed out that they had added general events of historic interest to the time line to help provide context to the development of the church.

Taylor said that when he became pastor of the church, there were five living current and former pastors. He thought he had a photo with most or all of them.

Tribble said that photo would be good to add to the case narrative.

Taylor thanked the committee again for their worked, and said he needed to leave at this time.

> *General discussion regarding which photos to include in the case narrative. Marzullo said that she would be happy to assist in placing them. She and Tribble said they would get together sometime after tonight's meeting to do that. Tribble would also need to work on captions and identifications for some of the photos.*

Park pointed out that he would not be able to attend the unveiling on Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Therefore, Boston would need to serve the same function he did so well for the Bank of Carrollton dedication ceremony.

Boston said he would begin coordinating with Dr. Taylor.

Salmon asked if they had decided not to put Taylors' signature phrase "the best is yet to come" at the bottom of the reverse side of the marker. It seemed somewhat "plain" with just the list of the thirteen founding members.

> *Consensus of the committee was that the phrase could be added as a quote, perhaps appearing as:*
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> *"The best is yet to come!"*
> *- Dr. Brent Taylor*

Tribble added that she thought it would help "dress up" the reverse to possibly add an image of the original tabernacle. If possible the image could be cast into the reverse side, above the list of thirteen original members.

Hall said she could try to convert the image into a line drawing. That might be easier to cast into the marker than an actual photo.

> *Consensus of the committee was that the image would be a worthy addition.*

Discussion & Consideration of the Rainbow Grill

Boston said that he was working on tracking down the sources for the information to use as the footnotes. It turned out that much of the information came from articles in the Elm Fork Echoes magazines.

Salmon said she had original copies of these magazines, and she would be willing to let Boston use them to make better scans or photocopies of the photos.

Marzullo said that if Boston would just provide the information, she would be happy to insert the footnotes into the document.

General discussion over the actual current ownership of the Rainbow Grill. Tribble stated that Pat Malone said that Sid Wagner had actually purchased the building in July 2008, although Jess Woody was financing the purchase.

Boston said that he could visit with Sid and ask about that specifically.

> *General discussion over possible marker placement in the square, as the building façade was mostly windows, and there wasn't really a good place along the sidewalk.*

Boston also pointed out that some of the photos included in the case narrative were of poor quality. Some of them were photos of photos, and had glare from the glass. Some of them were

photos of old Polaroids. Most were in the collections of Dave Oldfield. Would Park be willing to meet Boston downtown sometime and help with the photos?

Boston said he would, and they set a date to meet at lunchtime on Thursday, April 9, 2009.

Salmon asked if Boston had seen the recorded interview with Jess and Pat Woody. If not, she would let him look at her copy. It might contain some useful information, as it was recorded nine years ago.

Discussion & Consideration of Other Current Projects

Summary of Proposed Marker Dedication Target Dates:

St. John Baptist Church	July 18, 2009 (deed date) (marker ordered)
First Baptist Church	December 16, 2009 (Wednesday, actual centennial)
Union Baptist Church	May 2010 (114 years after dedication of site)
Carrollton Depot	December 2010 (if not "lost" in DART events)
Blanton Grain Elevator	May 15, 2011 (tentative)
Rainbow Grill	December 14, 2011 (date in 1929 the name "Rainbow Pharmacy" was created)

1. Carrollton Grain Elevators: Case narrative on hold pending First Baptist Church completion. Tribble said that the grain elevators were completed near May 15 in 1950 (?) so she wanted to tentatively schedule a marker dedication date of May 15, 2011. Tribble had met with Carolyn Sumner, who had a large quantity of information. Tribble did not know if Clinger had talked to Lee Groves.

2. Carrollton Depot: Hall said that she had talked to three different people. First, Hall talked to Salmon about the case narrative and time line on the Carrollton Crossing marker. Also, Salmon gave Hall the name of James Noel, whose father was a section foreman for the Katy Railroad. Noel told Hall about the stock pens alongside the railroad, as well as the box car unloading area.

   Noel gave Hall the name of Harold Dennis, who used to work at the depot. When Hall phoned Dennis, it turned out he worked in Farmers Branch, not in Carrollton. However, Dennis gave Hall the name of Ray Clark who did work at the Carrollton depot, and who also knew & worked with Paul Daft. Clark was the telegrapher, and worked mainly in the tower. Clark had many interesting stories, including how the semaphore and track switching system worked, and would probably be a good source of information. He seemed very interested and enthusiastic.

   Hall continued that she had contacted David Erlicher at DART, who said it would be possible to let them into the depot building. Also, Erlicher said DART had done some

investigation into the history of the depot, and had hired a preservation architect named Marcel Quimby who might be able to share information with HPAC.

Salmon noted that she had met Quimby, and together they had been inside the depot building taking photos.

Hall asked for an electronic copy of the Carrollton Crossing case narrative as a starting point.

Tribble noted that Moody was Hall's partner on this project, and seemed to like typing, so she might be able to help add information to the case narrative as it was gathered.

Hall asked about a dedication date for a marker.

> *General discussion regarding this. Was DART going to have it's own ceremony? Would a marker dedication ceremony "get lost" in that or would it add to it? No decision made.*

Hall said she would contact David Erlicher at DART, and ask who to talk to about what DART was planning.

Barton started counting backwards: if the dedication was in December 2010, the marker would have to be ordered late summer; the case would have to go to City Council in early summer; the case and marker text would have to be completed late spring 2010 – about a year from now. It was doable, but the case needed to proceed briskly.

Adjournment

Motion by Boston, second by Hall, to adjourn. 8:20

Motion passed, 6 – 0.

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Ron Park, Chair
Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

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Christopher Barton, AICP
Secretary