MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting of August 14, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

Council Briefing Room Carrollton City Hall

The following members were in attendance:

Lark Tribble (Chair)
Rachel Lewis
Daniel Ogden
Linda Mayberry
Steve Babick
Julie Hall

Sara Salmon (Member Emeritus)

Michael McCauley, City of Carrollton Planning (Secretary) Lydia Tormos, Admin. Support

The following members were absent:

Jim Pipkin (Vice Chair) Tony Romo II

- 1. Call the meeting to Order: 7:11 p.m. by Chairperson Tribble
- 2. Approval or Correction of the Minutes of the June 12, 2013 Meeting

Motion by Mr. Babick, second by Mr. Ogden to approve the June 12, 2013 minutes, passed 5-0, (Mr. Pipkin and Mr. Romo were absent).

3. Discussion by Stashka Star, Stashka Art Conservation

Mrs. Star, owner of Stashka Art Conservation, was introduced as a guest speaker. Staff explained that Mrs. Star has located a buyer for six of the nine Humphreys paintings. If City Council feels they are unable to fund the renovation of all nine paintings, an art collector in Mineral Wells is willing to purchase all of the paintings, with the exception of three chosen by HPAC. This purchase would then fund the restoration of the remaining three paintings, to be owned by the City and displayed publicly in Carrollton.

Staff also said that Peggy Riddle, Director of Denton County Office of History and Culture, has requested and received approval by the City to display some of the paintings in the upcoming exhibit at the Courthouse-on-the-Square Museum.

Mrs. Star spoke of her work experience. She explained that art restoration is viewed by many as an extravagant expense, but it is a way to preserve a witness of history. While the Humphreys paintings may not have as much value as other paintings, they were created as a history of the City of Carrollton. She has spoken to art appraisers who have told her there is no market value to the paintings, but have a very significant historical value.

Staff distributed a hand out covering some of the locations where Mrs. Humphreys paintings have been displayed, including the White House and LBJ Presidential Library.

Mrs. Star explained that these paintings are actually murals, not portraits, so they would not be expected to have fine details that a portrait would have.

Mrs. Tribble asked the members if they were in agreement that they should dispense six of the paintings to restore three of the paintings. In that situation it would not cost the City anything for the restoration. The body decided they wanted to preserve the paintings of the railroad crossing, the town square and the first store.

Second, Mrs. Tribble as if the members felt there was enough value in the nine paintings that they should present a case before City Council requesting funds to restore all nine paintings. Mrs. Tribble's biggest concern is the size of the paintings and locating areas they could be displayed. There probably is not anyway to display the nine together. She would like to have a replica made so they could all be displayed together again. She also mentioned that this was Carrollton's centennial and the City has nothing permanent to display in recognition of this fact. While she would rather have a monument or plaque recognizing the anniversary, she would support the paintings being restored and displayed as a permanent display.

Ms. Hall expressed her doubt that the paintings had any historic value. She would like a smaller version of them made. Mrs. Tribble said with any decision made there would be replicas made.

A discussion followed concerning how to fund the restoration of the paintings. The general consensus was:

- First, the ideal choice is to find a grant to restore all the paintings without using any of the City's money
- Second, if a grant is not located, then they would suggest selling six of the paintings to fund the restoration of the three chosen paintings
- Third, the members did not want to ask City Council for money for the restorations

Mr. Babick said if the request for funding was made public, many businesses may be willing to support the Arts and Preservation, including individuals living outside of Carrollton and businesses located outside of the City.

Mrs. Tribble asked that a copy of all nine paintings be included in next month's agenda package.

4. Discussion & Consideration of the Walking Tours

Mrs. Tribble asked if everyone had their paragraphs ready for the narratives for the walking tour to turn in to Sheri Chadwick. She asked if anyone did not have theirs ready tonight to send it to the Marketing Department tomorrow as they were due last month. The trail markers' information should be different from the information contained on the historic markers.

5. Discussion & Consideration of the Centennial CD

Mrs. Tribble asked the members to return any Centennial CDs they may still have. She hoped that there would be an update at the next meeting as to how the project is progressing.

6. Discussion & Consideration of Replacement of the Pioneer Park Marker

Mrs. Tribble said they learned there is actually more room on the marker text than previously thought. She read the transcript that Mrs. Mayberry wrote to replace the missing marker. The decision was made to remove one sentence detailing how Carrollton received its name. Mrs. Tribble said she would get a final to staff. She also said a photo of the old city hall has not been located. It was noted that the owner of Silver Star, a hair salon on the square, had displayed several old photos at the Centennial celebration and might have a photo available. Mrs. Tribble also said that it would be possible to walk the square and ask the business owners if they had a photo of the old city hall.

Mrs. Tribble also said that the historic marker map lists Vandergriff as having a marker, but there is not a marker there. She said HPAC had decided in the past that the Vandergriff family was a good choice to recognize with a marker. She thought locating it in front of the new apartment complex on Main St. would be ideal since there will be a lot of foot traffic. She said that Carol Sumner has a lot of information about the Vandergriff family and suggested that Mr. Romo might like to handle that case.

7. Discussion & Consideration of the Well Curb

Mrs. Tribble asked if Ms. Hall had located the disc containing the photos of the ancestors of the Glidewell and the Blantons. Ms. Hall said she had not but would look again. Mrs. Tribble said that Kelli Lewis, with the City's Marketing Department, is working on the marker text.

8. Discussion & Consideration of the Boatwright House

Ms. Lewis said the case narrative is complete, as well as the copy and now is ready to go to City Council for approval of a historical marker.

9. Discussion & Consideration of Josey Ranch

Mr. Ogden said he needs to schedule an appointment with Kenny Marchant to interview him about Josey Ranch. He said he would like to do a multimedia presentation, possibly using some

footage from the Centennial interviews. Mrs. Tribble said she knew that there was some information on the 2000 interview tapes that he might be able to use. Mrs. Tribble said City Council wants a timeline for the events for the historic marker.

Other Business

Mrs. Tribble said she has reached her term limit and next month should be her last meeting. Linda Mayberry's term is up and will not be reapplying.

Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Hall, second by Ms. Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm, passed 6-0.

Lark Tribble, Chair Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Michael McCauley Secretary