MINUTES HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of November 14, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

Council Briefing Room Carrollton City Hall

The following members were in attendance:

Lark Tribble (Chair)
Jim Pipkin (Vice Chair)
Julie Hall
Rachel Lewis
Daniel Ogden
Steve Babick
Larry Crouch

Tony Romo II

Michael McCauley, City of Carrollton Planning (Secretary) Sara Salmon (Member Emeritus)

The following member was absent:

Linda Mayberry

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m., by Chairperson Tribble.

Approval of Minutes for the September 12, 2012 meeting

Tribble noticed that the September 12, 2012 minutes were not included with the packet. McCauley said they would be included in the next agenda packet.

Welcome New Members

Steve Babick, Larry Crouch and Tony Romo II were introduced and sworn in. Julie Hall and Rachael Lewis were sworn in for their next term appointments. The committee members introduced themselves.

Discussion, Consideration, and Other Current Projects

Tribble explained that in the past the main focus of HPAC was getting historical markers placed. The Committee wanted to start interviewing and recording older citizens of Carrollton, which became the new direction for the Committee. Their side of this project finished in September of this year. She invited the Committee members to suggest any new projects they are interested in working on. She explained that a former Committee member had tried to organize the case

reports but was unable to finish before his term expired. She said that several case narratives needed to be re-written to include more information and add time lines.

The Committee discussed material available for their research, including the city website and libraries. Tribble mentioned that Sheri Chadwick, City of Carrollton Marketing Director, has been a point of contact in the past but currently is heavily involved in preparing for next year's centennial celebration.

The Committee discussed several projects that had been started by former Committee members but were never finished, such as the Boatwright House, the Plaza Theater, Josey Ranch and the Glidewell well curb.

Salmon shared the experience of one marker that was to honor the first mayor of Carrollton, William Forest Benson, mayor who was never mayor. She explained that the Committee did the research, got approval for the marker, had it made, put into place and then found out Benson never actually served as mayor. She said there had been an election by a show of hands in 1913 where Benson was nominated and won the election, but he didn't want to serve. So another man was appointed to serve the office.

Pipkin mentioned Frank Johnson who had been a Carrollton police officer in the early 1960s. He explained there had been a doctor in downtown Carrollton that would perform abortions. Johnson was assigned to the investigation, and arrested the doctor about the same time that Jane Roe came to have an abortion. She found that the doctor was in jail and was unable to have the abortion. If he had been there, she would have had the procedure and there wouldn't have been Roe vs. Wade.

Hall explained that she had written the case narrative for the old downtown Carrollton train depot, which resulted in placement of a historical marker. She explained that Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) actually owns the land and moved the depot approximately one block north when the Green Line arrived in Carrollton. She explained that DART is responsible for the maintenance of only the outside of the building. She announced she was successful in starting a 501C3 Corporation to fund the restoration of the inside of the depot. She handed out information on how to join to help raise the \$200,000-400,000 needed for the restoration. It will include adding plumbing and electricity to the building for the first time. She welcomes ideas for fundraising events and how the building could be used when restored. Tribble reminded the Committee that City Council had agreed to match up to \$20,000 in the renovation of the depot, contingent on the resolution of who actually owns the building.

Babick asked about HPAC's budget and the new 501 C3 Corporation. Tribble explained HPAC's budget is funded by the city's hotel and motel tax and this fund is shared with the Perry Home Museum.

McCauley said Chadwick had informed him that HPAC's budget for fiscal year 2013 will be approximately \$5700. This money is to be used by HPAC and will not be funding any other city projects. Tribble mentioned there were a couple more people they wanted to add to the interview

project but was told the budget was depleted and would have to wait until next year to finish. She hopes some of the budget money could be used to finish the project.

Babick offered to scan what materials they have. He made suggestions about having a historical society with a 501C3 to raise money. Tribble explained that the city could not have any connection to a 501C3 corporation.

Lewis said the City really has needed a museum of its own. The Perry Museum only has items related to the Perry family, but the city itself does not have a museum relating to it. Ogden said said most historic societies are "stand alone" with their own board, with very few supported by government entities.

Babick said the upcoming centennial celebration seems to be a major event. He believes that many people would be willing to donate money to help fund HPAC projects that the city can't. It was explained that the committee would not be allowed to take money designated for other organizations.

Crouch asked what the end result of gathering the narratives was. Tribble explained the main focus has been to get the history down in writing. She outlined the process for how a packet is prepared and submitted to City Council for approval or denial of a historical marker.

Crouch said one town he had lived in had pamphlets set up in different neighborhoods that gave the local historical sites, and was used as a basis for walking tours. He suggested a nominal fee could be charged to fund the printing. Tribble said the high schools could also be approached to help with the project. Crouch said in another town the Boy Scouts had set up hiking trails of historic sites to earn badges, so possibly the local troops could be contacted.

Crouch asked to have a list of all the historic markers in town.

Tribble thought the history of early families who lived in Carrollton, and why certain streets were named as they were would be a good project.

The Committee hopes Sheri Chadwick will attend the January meeting and asked everyone to think of questions they might have for her.

Other Business & Visitor Comments

Motion by Lewis, second by Hall to cancel the December 12, 2012 meeting, passed 8-0.

There were no visitors.

Adjournment Motion by Hall, second by Pipkin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m., passed 9-0. Lark Tribble, Chair Historic Preservation Advisory Committee

Michael McCauley

Secretary