



## MEETING MINUTES OF THE BURNET HISTORIC BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a **Regular Meeting of the Burnet Historic Board** will be held on the **5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers, Burnet Municipal Airport, 2402 S. Water, Burnet, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to-wit:

This notice is posted pursuant to the Texas Government Code, Chapter §551-Open Meetings.

### CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Carole Goble, President at 6:01 P.M.

### ROLL CALL:

Present: Renee Riddell, Carole Goble, Mark Lewis

Absent: Jeff Townsend and Kelly Dix

GUESTS: None

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the September 27, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Mark Lewis made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Renee Riddell seconded, the motion carried unanimously.

### ACTION ITEMS:

Discuss and consider action: Establish process for presentation of Historic marker for the Napping Mouse: C. Goble: Plans will be established at the November 2, 2017 meeting as Carole was unable to make contact with the owners of the Napping Mouse prior to the meeting. Mark Lewis will research proper installation of the sidewalk marker and report back to the board. No action taken.

Discuss and consider action: Review, possible edit of the Historic Tourist Guide Book: All present agreed to bring design ideas to the November meeting to be discussed. No action taken.

### REPORTS:

Report from the Historical Commission Training held in San Antonio on September 29, 2017: No one present to report.

Presentation of a letter received from the Historic Commission pertaining to the Masonic Lodge building: M. Lewis: Attached Mrs. Goble's report to the State Historic Commission pertaining to the Masonic Lodge.

REQUESTS FROM BOARD FOR FUTURE REPORTS: Discuss cemetery and records and possible maintenance repairs of wood posts.

### ADJOURN:

There being no further business, President Carole Goble adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Carole Goble  
Carole Goble, President

ATTEST:

Kelly Dix  
Kelly Dix, Secretary/Treasurer

Masonic Lodge facts.

The City of Burnet recently issued a building permit to Valley Lodge for the purpose of rocking in the upstairs windows on the sides of the building they own on Main Street.

The lodge members were desperate to save the building from the eventual crumbling of the walls, a condition brought about by the walls filling up with water from the rotted window sills and frames of the upstairs windows.

The windows were an odd size due to being built by hand before the manufacturing of standard windows evolved. Therefore no ready made windows could be purchased. The cost of having 9 windows hand built and the damaged rock under each window repaired to accept the windows was prohibitive and would take time to accomplish. It was more than the lodge could immediately afford. Meanwhile recent rain and predictions of a wetter than usual fall made an immediate repair necessary. The use of masonry to replace the windows was an affordable and permanent fix that could be accomplished in just one day. The fix would endure and would also make it much less expensive to heat and cool the building, saving much expense in the future.

The City Historic Board, in its deliberations reasoned that since the building had been already altered by rocking in windows in the past, it would not be setting a precedent to allow the rocking in of side windows. They required that said rock work be of highest quality with matching size and color of stone and pattern of masonry. They further required that the front of the building be kept in kind repairs and the windows be replaced. It seemed the most sensible compromise in this particular situation. It would save the building, and retain its front façade facing Main Street.

Since the goal of issuing Historic Markers is to encourage the public to value history and to recognize that saving the old buildings and preserving sites is a main way of getting that accomplished. It also has proven to be a valuable attraction for tourists. But it is also often a burden to owners of those properties to make in kind repairs in a timely manner and sometimes at all. The city and the county need to offer a remedy for that

We do not help our community retain its attraction to tourists by causing our Texas Historic Markers to be yanked away from those folks who can't afford to keep up the repairs. The history is still there. The building is still there. We need all the markers to remain in place, and keep reminding us of the work of our forebears. It is getting more and more difficult to influence owners of historic properties to apply for markers because of the obligation of retaining every detail exactly with in kind repairs and to have the city, county or state periodically coming on their property to inspect it with or without permission.

We need to use common sense and compassion in dealing with these matters. The present owner of the property may not be the owner that applied for the marker.

Carole Goble .