

**THE MEDINA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR CALLED QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA
El Restaurante Azteca, Hondo, Texas
Thursday, August 24, 2023
6:30 p.m.**

The Medina County Historical Commission will hold its next quarter meeting on Thursday May 25, 2023, at the El Restaurante Azteca, 1708 Ave K, Hondo, Texas. If you wish to eat, please be there at 6 PM; the meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

AGENDA

- **MCHC Administrative**
 - A. Welcome
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Review of the Agenda
- **Pledge of Allegiance, United States and Texas Flags**
- **Invocation**
- **Citizens Comments** - Welcome Guests
- **Minutes** – by Joe Fohn, Secretary, Approval of May 25, 2023, Meeting Minutes.
- **Treasures Report** – Kenny Rohrbach
- **Guest Speaker** – Mr. Paul Carey, RPLS, LSLs, Owner, Medina Valley Surveys, Castroville, Texas. Mr. Carey will present his program describing the effort of Henri Castro to form his Colonies on land that became Medina County, including a discussion of his land acquisition to develop the colonies.
- **Committee Reports:**
 - Cemetery Committee – Jonell Taylor
Update on: Sutherland Family Cemetery; “Juneteenth Tree”; Devine Black church and Cottonwood Cemetery north of Hondo.
- Discussion and possible action on “Notice of Existence” effort. As stated at the May 25th meeting minutes, “ a county requires a “Notice of Existence” to be sent to the state, even for those with a single grave. The MCHC needs a systematic plan to do those, which amount to five or six per year.”
 - Medina County and State Markers Committee – Bradford Boehme/Peter Baron
 - For County Markers – Bradford Boehme
 - Steinbach House – Dianne & Kent Keeton, Sponsors. Has been approved by the MCHC and has been submitted to the foundry.
 - Guinn Horger funeral home – Paul Guinn, Sponsor. Needing application and further research.
 - Death and Gravesite of Valentine Golly – Bradford Boehme, Sponsor. MCHC approved the concept, and progressing with ongoing research.
 - George Noonan and the Circle Dot Ranch – Bradford Boehme, Sponsor. MCHC approved the concept, and progressing with ongoing research.
 - Grotto at Moyer: Meg and Patrick Conner, Sponsor. Ongoing research and application progressing.
 - Marker to clarify Henry Castro’s burial place and circumstances of death – Joe Fohn

- For State Markers – Peter Baron
 - Sutherland Cemetery – Lester Ludwig and Patrick Connors, Sponsors. Concept approved by the MCHC, and ongoing research progressing.
 - Outlot 60 Plantation, Castroville - Bradford Boehme, Sponsor. Package submitted to and accepted by the THC, payment sent.
 - Medina Lake Toll Road Company – Joe Fohn and Laura Hardt, Sponsor. Concept approved by the MCHC, and ongoing research and application progressing. TxDOT responded they have no available funds for the marker.
 - Tarde Hotel, Castroville. Looking for sponsor.
 - Original Medina Valley ISD HS Building. Looking for sponsor. Concept approved by the MCHC, and ongoing research and application progressing. Phil to send information to the School District.
 - Castroville Field – Chuck Friesenhahn, Sponsor. Package submitted to the THC, and funding submitted.
- Discussion and possible action on additional State or County Markers
 - Winfred Whitehead Property and Hoffmann/Paul Cemetery, Castroville – Charlie and Shari Biediger, Sponsors
 - Rohbach Homestead, Bader Settlement – Jenny Cooper for Prestridge Family, Sponsor
 - Joseph Burell House, Castroville - Megan Warley McDonald for Carter Brown, Sponsor
- Press Releases Committee – Bonnie Jaks
- Castro Colonies Living History Center – Mary King
- Hondo Army Airfield Museum (housed in the South Texas Regional Airport terminal, Hondo) – Committee - Vic Ortiz
- Battle of Medina (August 20th) – Carter Brown
- Landmark Inn/THC – Georgia Davis
- **Old Business**
 - Update on MCHC’s sponsorship of the Medina County Pioneer Homes Documentation Initiative program.
- **New Business**
 - Up Coming Events:
 - September 14th, Landmark Inn History Happy Hour
 - September 10th, CCHA Quarterly Meeting, D’Hanis Community Center
 - **Future Meeting** - Approve the date and venue of the November 2023 meeting.
 - **Adjourn**

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was submitted to the County Clerk’s office to be posted on the Medina County bulletin board, Hondo, Texas on or before August 21, 2023, before 5 p.m.



Phil King, Chair, Medina County Historical Commission