

Houston Historical Society
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2007

Present: Carl and Owene Godsey, Tom and Betty Denton, Celia Sampley, John Hunter, Bobbie Garrett, Linda Moody, Dale Haley, Darryal Jackson, Betty Godsey, Claudia Rucker, Tony Rucker.

Betty called meeting to order at 6:00pm. (Jeff was out of town on business.) She gave a brief report of fund request activities which had occurred since the last meeting. The Winston Co. retired teachers requested a presentation on the jail project; however the meeting was cancelled due to the recent storm, but will be rescheduled. Rick Harris has had contact from University of Alabama archeologist who will be making a site visit to the jail later this month and this will be an opportunity to further raise awareness of the project.

Tony presented the website to the group for review and suggestions for additions/changes. There was good discussion among the group with the following suggestions:

- Modify the website 'Contact Us' page to form-based submission for those using web-based email.
- Place more specific information concerning the Jail Preservation Project including the graphic overview of the park and how folks can contribute/donate
- Provide information concerning availability of speaker(s)/presentation on the Houston Historic Jail and the Preservation Project for community/school groups including how to contact/schedule
- Develop a 'Kids' page for the future

Betty presented the PowerPoint slide show which Rick has designed for review and suggestions for additions/changes. The following suggestions were made:

- Include the graphic overview of the park
- Consider the possibility of making it available on the website

The group generated a list of civic organizations throughout the county to be contacted for potential presentation of the Houston Historic Jail Preservation Project. Various members of the group agreed to make the initial contact to schedule a date/time.

Discussion regarding the next Houston Heritage Day and the importance for beginning preliminary contacts for vendors/participants was initiated. Decision regarding date(s) and committee was postponed until the next meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3 at 6pm. Robin Sterling will be the guest speaker. A special invitation will be extended to the Haleyville Historical Society.

No further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Betty G. Denton
Secretary-Treasurer