

**STATE OF TEXAS  
COUNTY OF TARRANT  
CITY OF GRAPEVINE**

The Grapevine Heritage Foundation (GHF) held their regular scheduled monthly meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom of the Grapevine convention & Visitors Bureau, 636 South Main Street, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Curtis Ratliff	Chairman
Melva Stanfield	Vice Chairman
Balla Wright	Treasurer
Janet Perkins	Secretary
Sue Franks	Member
Becky Hummer	Member
Wendy Nelson	Member
Duff O'Dell	City Council Liaison

The above constituting a quorum with member(s) Courtney Fray and Frances Jensen absent.

With the following Convention & Visitors Bureau staff present:

Paul W. McCallum	Executive Director, Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau
Paula Newman	Director of Operations, Finance & Administration
David Klempin	Heritage Preservation Programs Manager
Cody Jolliff	Heritage Museums & Education Programs Manager
Mary Bush	Administrative

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Curtis Ratliff called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

**2. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no citizen comments registered.

*Any person who is not scheduled on the agenda may address the Grapevine Heritage Foundation under Citizen Comments by completing a Citizen Appearance Request form. In accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, the Advisory Board is restricted in discussing or taking action during Citizen Comments.*

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Balla Wright made the motion to accept the minutes as written from the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting. Melva Stanfield seconded the motion, which prevailed in the following vote:

Ayes: 7 (Ratliff, Stanfield, Wright, Perkins, Franks, Hummer and Nelson)  
Nays: 0 None  
Absent: 2 (Fray and Jensen)

### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Membership Report - Janet Perkins**

Secretary Janet Perkins stated the Foundation had 190 active members in January with donations of \$1,500 and \$100 and an order for a Palace Arts Center personalized brick for a total \$1,850.

Secretary Perkins announced they had narrowed down their objectives and outreach to gain new members; the Membership Committee would meet at 6 p.m. today, following this meeting.

#### **Nash Farm Report – Melva Stanfield**

Nash Farm and the Settlement to City Museums closed out 2019 with a very successful holiday and great attendance records. The Farm started off the New Year with the *Annual Hog Butchering and Curing 2-day Workshop* on January 18 & 19, sold out again; Saturday, February 1 with *Valentine Card Printing* in the Settlement to City Museums; February 7 was our First Friday program with 96 attendees *Crafting Historic Valentines*; and on Saturday, February 8, 2020, another full house at the Farm with all fashioning their own special *Victorian Valentines*. Thus far for February, we have had 319 visitors to Nash Farm.

### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Educational Session: Grapevine Heritage Foundation History – Melva Stanfield**

Vice Chairman Stanfield stated Grapevine's agricultural history, the lifeline of the railroad and the many who had fought to keep Grapevine's heritage alive recognized and championed protecting our Historic Main Street, Township and Cotton Belt Districts. She summed up the success due to: 1) organization; 2) promotion; 3) design; and 4) economic development.

Chairman Ratliff thanked her for reporting the Foundation's history and said next month's topic would be "What The Grapevine Heritage Foundation Does".

### **Sponsorship Opportunities for 2020 – Balla Wright and Cody Jolliff**

Treasurer Wright and Farm Manager Cody Jolliff passed out a list of sponsorship levels available with a sign-up sheet for sponsors. Most 2020 sponsorships have now been secured with a total of \$15,750 of the \$20,000 goal for this year.

### **Procedure for Recording Board Member Volunteer Hours – Curtis Ratliff**

Chairman Ratliff noted the city's policy of recording board member's volunteer hours spent in meetings, events and specialized committees to be recognized and recorded; giving each member a list of examples. He followed with a sign-up sheet to list their activities and hours for the month of January 2020; members will report their hours for the previous month at the regular scheduled advisory board meetings.

### **Grapevine Convention & Visitors Bureau Update – Paula Newman**

In May, Trip Advisor will recognize Grapevine's Main Street as one of the Top Nine Main Streets. The Texas Travel Industry Association will hold their annual "Travel Expo" in Grapevine April 5 - 9, 2020; followed by the Meeting Professionals International "World Education Congress" here June 6 – 9, 2020 with 1,600 meeting professionals attending.

The Dallas Road Project now underway will increase and connect hike and biking trails; plus, a center median with plantings to be more pedestrian friendly; work to be completed by 2021. The Grapevine Vintage Railroad (GVRR) Depot is getting a new stationary dock for more event space and to increase the use of the historic buildings there. GVRR service will resume with a Leap Year celebration. The 1905 Historic Roberson Tarwater Lipscomb House move to 608 South Dooley is underway.

The Palace Arts Center heating ventilation air conditioning (HVAC) system was installed in January after the holidays; the new system has made way for also improving the roof. March at the Palace Theatre is Julie Andrews month with the First Friday Film *Mary Poppins*, and on Saturday *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, with more Julie Andrews movies throughout the month. The Palace will host live music on February 28 with Branson's *The Petersons* blue grass band; and start planning now for the Palace Art Center's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on November 21!

P.W. McCallum spoke regarding the opening of Hudgins Street to connect Nash Farm to Main Street for a Public Art Walk with interpretive markers; just north of here was where Jake Waymire had fired the bricks for the buildings on Main Street. Balla Wright had generously requested donations to honor the memory of her husband, Joe Wright, to begin a public art exhibit at Nash Farm; the vision for the piece has now morphed into a very realistic lean bronze farmer, of the time period 1890 – 1910, chopping cotton there on the southeast corner of Nash Farm, at Ball Street and Homestead Lane. Mr. McCallum said the process would begin with a request for qualifications from artists with

the casting to be done at the Grapevine Foundry; after finding the right artist they would take before the Public Art Commission; City Council in July; then negotiate a contract with the artist, with the piece to be completed and dedicated at the Spring Into Nash 2021 event providing no unforeseen delays

**City Council Liaison Update – Council Member Duff O’Dell**

Council Liaison O’Dell reminded all the Grapevine Historical Society (GHS) program on Monday night would be local columnist and writer Dave Lieber discussing his book “Amon”, Fort Worth’s Amon Carter. The GHS’ Texas Independence Day this year will be a history lesson on the Peace Circle; she requested Peace Circle brochures for their program.

Council Member O’Dell stated with the land boom in Grapevine, there are still properties being repurposed; Council has approved Stacy’s property for additional warehouses; and additional restaurants are being vetted through the Economic Development department. Business is still booming.

The GHF board members complimented January’s GHS program featuring the baseball players from The Hill.

Sue Franks updated the group on Board Member Emerita Patricia Stinson, saying Pat was in town and had planned on attending this meeting but had another fall and her arm is now healing in a sling.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

Sue Franks, seconded by Becky Hummer, made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

- Ayes: 7 (Ratliff, Stanfield, Wright, Perkins, Franks, Hummer and Nelson)
- Nays: 0 None
- Absent: 2 (Fray and Jensen)

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This meeting was followed immediately by a meeting of the Membership Committee.

19 February 2020

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GRAPEVINE HERITAGE FOUNDATION THE  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020 MINUTES, ON THIS THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH 2020.

APPROVED:

  
\_\_\_\_\_ CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_ SECRETARY