

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
2006 Annual Report

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Please use this form to report your 2006 county historical commission (CHC) activities to your county commissioners court as well as to the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Information from these forms may be used to report county and statewide historic preservation activities to the state legislature. Please complete this form and return by February 28, 2007. Thank you.

County: Polk Name of CHC chair: Josh David

- 1. How many members currently serve on your commission? 10
2. How many meetings did your commission hold in 2006? 11
3. How do you inform the public about your meetings and activities? Local Newspaper, Polk County Enterprise
4. When were your CHC's bylaws last reviewed and updated? 05
5. How many volunteer preservation hours did your commission members work this year? 360
6. Does your commission sponsor or work with young people in your county? Yes No

If yes, please list and describe such activities: Tours of Old City Cemetery, Program with Gifted & Talented students, Livingston Elementary, Sponsor May Day Festival for students, Pioneer Days, Poster & Essay Contest, local history, Sponsor Traveling Trunk for Polk County Schools, Tours of the Polk County Museum, Polk County Courthouse, and Downtown Main Street

7. Does your county provide funds in its budget for your commission? Yes No
If yes, how much was your allocation in fiscal year 2006?

Does your county provide office space for your commission? Yes No
If the county provides other operating help, please list: Maintenance, Building & Grounds

Does your commission have other sources of funding? Yes No

Please briefly describe sources and amounts of such income: Private Endowments, City of Polk, Motel Tax - \$5000 Annually

Does this form apply to your commission:

- Members attended the 2006 Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Galveston
How many? 1
- Member, Preservation Texas
- Member, Texas Historical Foundation
- Member, Texas Association of Museums
- Member, Texas Downtown Association
- Member, Texas Oral History Association
- Member, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Member, American Association for State and Local History
- Member, Texas State Historical Association
- Member, other historical associations(s): East Texas Hist. Assoc.

10. Please check all areas in which your CHC worked actively to promote historic preservation:

- Historical marker(s)
- Historic cemetery preservation and/or designation
- History museum(s)
- National Register of Historic Places designation
- Main Street Program – Which town(s)? Livingston
- Certified Local Government – Which city or county? _____
- Visionaries in Preservation Program – Which community? _____
- Texas Heritage Trails Program – Which trail region? Forest
- Heritage tourism (other than or in addition to Texas Heritage Trails Program)
- Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program
- Military sites
- Advisor to commissioners court on matters related to history and preservation
- Survey/inventory of architectural resources
- Advocacy for the preservation of an endangered historic resource (see also question #12)
- Historic building rehabilitation
- Protection of archeological resources
- Texas Archeological Stewardship Network
- Oral history
- Archives
- School/educational programs
- Training workshops
- Local newspaper column
- Local history publication (CHC newsletter, county history book, brochures, etc.)
- Historical observances (check all that apply):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County/city birthdays | <u>Articles, History of Indians of East Texas</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Preservation Week | <u>Texas</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Archeology Month | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Women's History Month |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please list): <u>Native American Appreciation Museum Exhibit, Series of Newspaper</u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black History Month |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic Heritage Month |

11. Does your CHC maintain an inventory of historic properties in your county? Yes No

If yes, when was the inventory last updated? 2006

12. Please list any significant historic properties or sites (officially designated or not) in your county that are threatened or endangered, damaged or destroyed. If possible, provide photographs, address and a brief description of the threat or damage, as well as information regarding any ongoing local efforts to preserve the site(s).

Auditorium, 1930's on Church Street Campus, Site of Old Livingston High School

Polk County Courthouse Annex Building, 1905. Designated, National Registry of Historic Places. Located on southwest corner of the Courthouse Square, Mill and Jackson Streets.

13. Please provide a brief narrative description of your CHC's successes over the past year, as well as its not-so-successful activities. (See also **Distinguished Service Award** information following question #16 on this form.) In particular, we would like to know about any specific plans for or programs dealing with diversity, both in terms of CHC membership and preservation activities in your county.

Museum Photo Exhibit of Downtown Livingston, 1900. Publication "Up In Flames" about the fire which completely destroyed all downtown buildings in 1902.

Three new historical markers with well attended dedications.

Historic Cemetery designations.

McCardell House listed on the National Registry.

Working on publication with written history and photos of "100 Years of Education in Livingston".

Historical marker for same is in progress.

A 100 year celebration is planned for May, 2007.

Margo Jones Reception at Polk County Museum, April, 2006, with special exhibit on her life. Event very well attended with people from all over Texas, California and New York.

Polk County Museum working with schools to coordinate programs for history appreciation.

Dealing with diversity, we have made a new appointment to the CHC from the Alabama Coushatta Reservation, Yolanda Poncho.

Weekly newspaper article, "From the Archives" written by Museum Curator, Wanda Bobinger, published in The Polk County Enterprise.

14. Please tell us about any significant preservation projects in your county, either currently underway or planned for the coming year.

Four downtown buildings have undergone restoration under the Main Street Program. Other buildings are planned for 2007. Each received paint and facade grants.

Facilities committee meetings on going regarding Counthouse Judicial Center, utilizing 2 historic buildings. Commission hoping to be instrumental in saving school auditorium on Church Street campus.

15. Please tell us about your efforts to recruit a diverse membership (age, race, gender, etc.) for your commission and how you are addressing issues of diversity in historic preservation in your county.

Appointed Yolanda Poncho from Alabama, Coushatta Reservation to serve on CHC, 2007 - 2008.

CHC members participate in a Multi-Cultural event held on Martin Luther King Day - 400-500 Polk Countians in attendance.

16. Please tell us how the THC can be of greater assistance to you in carrying out your local preservation activities.

Continue to seek funding for Courthouse restoration.
Regional Workshops are great! Please continue.



Distinguished Service Award – PLEASE NOTE

If you wish for your CHC to be considered for Distinguished Service Award (DSA) recognition, please check the box above and provide details about your calendar year 2006 successes and accomplishments. Enclose a brief summary/description of each project, and enclose copies of supporting documentation if applicable. Recommendations for DSA recognition will be based on an overall evaluation of each CHC's achievements in historic preservation activities and programs for the year.

DSA recipients will be notified in advance and will be recognized at the opening session of the Annual Historic Preservation Conference in Lakeway (near Austin) in April 2007.

Deadline for submission is February 28, 2007, along with this Annual Report.



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If the THC staff can provide you with any additional information or assistance, please call 512/463-5853 or email history@thc.state.tx.us. Thank you.

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