



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date: Sept. 4, 2012

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Commissioners Court Sponsor: Judge Biscoe

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON FIFTH ANNUAL TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORY DAY, OCT. 26, 2012

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The theme for this year's History Day will be "Travis County, Then and Now."

To develop and execute an event plan, and to produce the content for the day's program, a committee similar to those of prior years is recommended. Archivists Christy Moilanen (RMCR) and Megan North (District Clerk's office) have volunteered to serve again. Others ready to serve include members of the Travis County Historical Commission and representatives from the office of Travis County Constable Precinct 5, the County Clerk's Office, RMCR, ITS & FMD. The committee will be supported by liaisons from the Austin History Center and the Austin Bar Association.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Approve date (Friday, October 26, 2012), and location (700 Lavaca Street) for the 5th Annual Travis County History Day.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

Travis County's unique history provides valuable insight into our heritage and ancestry, and helps develop an understanding and deep appreciation of the community in which we live today. To this end, the fifth annual **Travis County History Day** will be held on Friday, October 26, 2012, from

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10:00 am until 12:00 pm, at 700 Lavaca Street in downtown Austin, in the new Commissioners Courtroom and Hall of Government. The theme for this year's event is Travis County: Then and Now.

Travis County History Day has proven to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about and to celebrate our rich history.

Precinct Four Commissioner Margaret Gómez will serve as Master of Ceremonies. R.G. Ratcliffe, author and political reporter, and Dr. Jeffrey Kerr, author of *Austin, Texas: Then and Now*, will be the featured speakers at the event.

Historical photographs, documents and artifacts will be on display, including photographs from the archival collections of the Austin History Center.

We invite all county officials, employees and the public to join us for this special occasion. A reception sponsored by the Austin Bar Association and the Travis County Historical Commission will follow the program.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

History Day expenses will be related to educational/informational displays. They can be absorbed within the existing RMCR budget.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

None required.

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