

## Item 7



# Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** January 22, 2013

**Prepared By/Phone Number:** Melissa Velasquez, County Judge's Office  
**Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge  
**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Samuel T. Biscoe, County Judge

### **AGENDA LANGUAGE:**

PRESENT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD CERTIFICATE TO TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTEES.

### **BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:**

This item is to formally acknowledge the Travis County Historical Commission upon receiving the Texas Historical Commission Distinguished Service Award. The award recognizes County Historical Commissions that work toward substantial preservation efforts that lead to a greater understanding of state and local history. The Travis County Historical Commission puts in a great deal of time and energy to preserve our history and deserve this award that reflects positively on our county.

The Travis County Historical Commission has been invited to attend the Commissioners Court meeting to receive the award.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Present award.

### **ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

n/a

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials should be submitted as a pdf to the County Judge's office, [agenda@co.travis.tx.us](mailto:agenda@co.travis.tx.us) by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.

# TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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**2011**

## **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

TO

### **TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

IN RECOGNITION OF ITS ACTIVE  
AND WELL-BALANCED PRESERVATION PROGRAM

  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
  
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The Honorable Sam Biscoe  
Travis County Judge  
P.O. Box 1748  
Austin, TX 78767

Dear Judge Biscoe,

We are pleased to inform you that the Travis County Historical Commission (CHC) is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for outstanding preservation work accomplished in the 2011 year of service. This award is given to CHCs that have gone above and beyond to preserve, protect, and promote the history of their county, as documented in the annual report submitted by their organization.

To acknowledge this achievement, we ask that you **present the enclosed Distinguished Service Award (DSA) certificate to CHC appointees during a formal meeting of the commissioners court.** This is the most effective way to show gratitude for CHC efforts and to publicly acknowledge their service, which is often overlooked and undervalued. Your support and influence are vital to the livelihood of your CHC. Public recognition of CHC service will revitalize appointees as they continue to share and save the character of your county.

A press release announcing your county's achievement is enclosed so that you can **promote this important accomplishment.** In these challenging times, this DSA award illustrates the positive accomplishments of county government. Your investment in this commission has resulted in a substantial amount of money and in-kind donations to your county, along with the economic development that often accompanies efforts such as heritage tourism events, community gatherings, historic designations, and historic rehabilitations.

We are grateful for your continued support of history and preservation, and for the partnership you maintain with your CHC. It is our aim to provide services that not only support preservation work but also build the capacity of history-related organizations so that they can do more and better for your county and the state of Texas.

Congratulations to you and your CHC appointees on a job well done.

Sincerely,



Bratten Thomason  
History Programs Division Director  
Texas Historical Commission

Enclosed: DSA Award, Press Release  
cc: Travis County Historical Commission Chair

