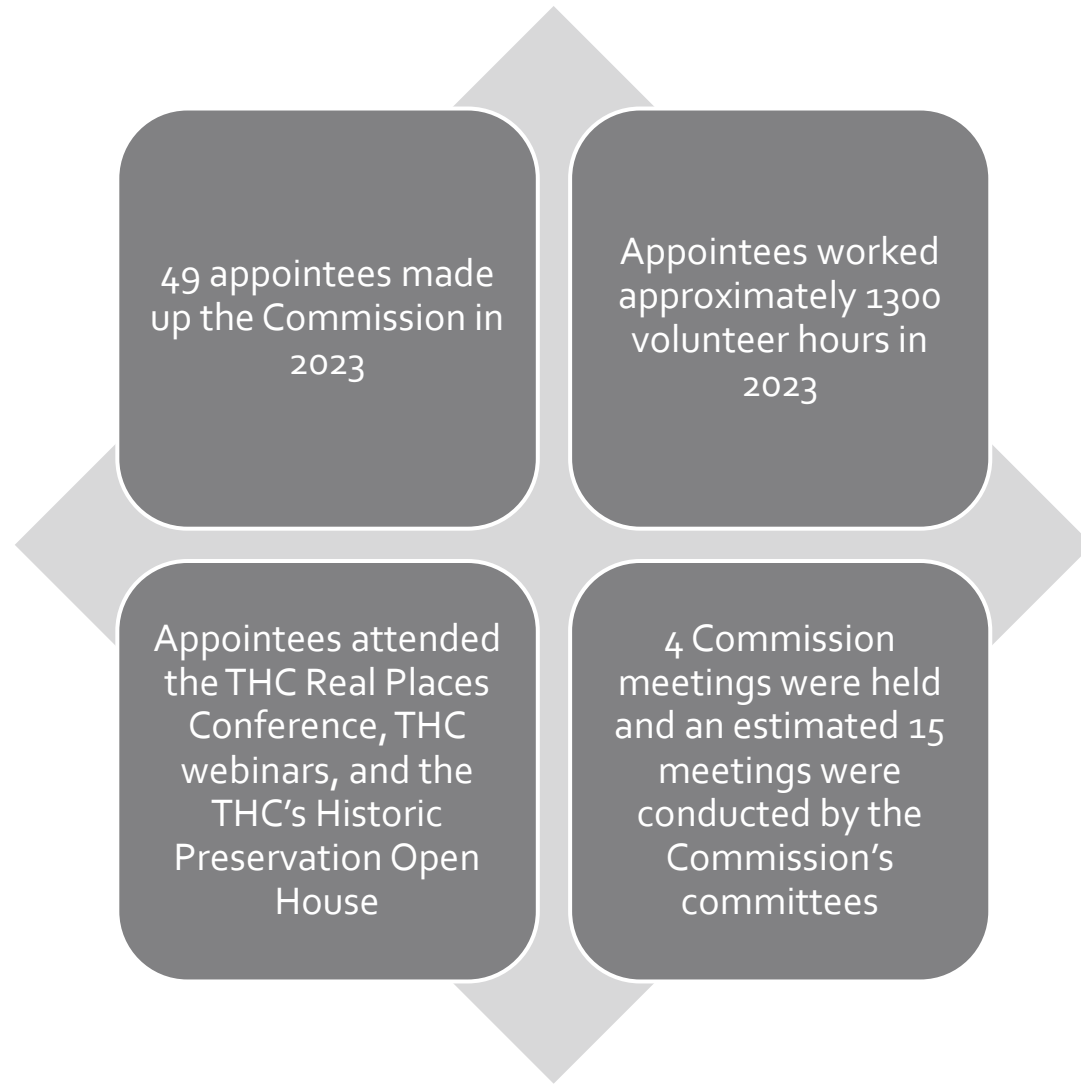


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Fort Bend County Historical Commission



A broad look...

Archives

Cemetery

Cultural Resources

Historical
Preservation

Oral History

Public Affairs

Research and
Markers

Committees

Accomplishments

- Members of the Cemetery Committee visited endangered cemeteries and worked with community members to support their preservation including cemeteries at Bates Allen Park and the Mt. Olive Baptist Church cemetery
- The Historic Preservation Committee worked hard to rebuild its files after the loss of some 50 surveys after the death of the former chair. 14 surveys have been resubmitted.
- The Cultural Resources Committee responded to 13 Section 106 requests which includes research and site visits
- 3 interviews were completed and placed on the Commission website by the Oral History Committee

Additional Accomplishments

- The FBCHC Essay Contest was expanded countywide for both the 4th and 7th grades. 4th grade students' theme was "Faces of Fort Bend" and the theme for 7th grade students was "Moments in Time." 1st and 2nd place winners were chosen for both grades with the help of commission members, Dr. Paul Spellman's Texas History class at Wharton County Junior College and Professors Theresa Jach and Nicholas Cox of HCC. Winners were given cash prizes by the Friends of the FBCHC and honored by Commissioners Court
- A historical marker for Holy Family Catholic Church in Missouri City was dedicated and two other markers were received with dedication ceremonies TBD
- Two historical markers are in process: The Cole Theatre and the "Sugar Land 95" State Convict Lease Labor Camp Cemetery with an additional supplementary marker for the Site of Fort Bend 1936 marker also on the way
- The Research & Markers Committee also led and supported efforts to clean and re-black several already existing historical markers.

Awards

The 2023
Commissioner of
the Year is Patsey
McKnight

The 2023 Bert E.
Bleil Heritage
Award was given
to Claire Rogers

This year...

