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BRAZORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
COUNTY MEDALLION PROJECT

MISSION STATEMENT

To recognize and encourage preservation of Brazoria County historical structures through sensitive restoration projects for present and future generations.

PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

The historical medallions will further educate the public about Brazoria County history, spark interest in local history and encourage more appreciation for the architecture of an earlier time. Property owners who work to improve a historical structure, thereby extending its life and adding to the historical ambiance that old buildings provide, may be eligible for the Brazoria County Historical Commission Medallion.

MEDALLION PROJECT MANAGEMENT

The Brazoria County Historical Commission Chairman shall appoint five (5) Commission members to oversee the Medallion Project. To establish a member rotation system, initial appointments shall be:

...three (3), each for a three (3) year term.

...two (2), each for a two (2) year term.

Following the initial term, each appointed member shall serve a two (2) year term, with the opportunity for possible reappointment. Any vacancy on the board shall be filled in due time by the Brazoria County Historical Commission Chairman.

The Project Chairman shall be elected annually.

Each of the five (5) members shall have one (1) vote on business of the project, with majority rule. Quorum for each meeting shall be three (3) members. Chairman of the Brazoria County Historical Commission shall be an ex-officio member, with no vote.

Responsibilities and Duties of the Medallion Committee shall include:

...medallion application development

...compiling a list of eligible properties throughout the county (especially if moved)

...distributing applications to eligible property owners from list or as requested

...choosing one structure to receive a Medallion from BCHC each spring and fall

...assisting property owners with gathering photos and info on the history of the structures

...receiving and reviewing completed applications

...planning medallion project publicity [on websites, in newspaper, to club groups, etc.]

...developing a method for making info on each structure available for researchers online (with QR codes or links from other history related websites) or in print (such as in paper files or databases in the BCHM library)

...suggest to applicant any needed restoration and continued maintenance for the historic structure

...any other duties as directed by the Brazoria County Historical Commission

MEDALLION ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The Brazoria County Medallion shall recognize restoration efforts when attempts to comply with the Texas Historical Commission standards are not practical for the owner.

A structure at least seventy-five (75) years old is eligible for consideration of a County Medallion. There shall be no penalty for necessary relocation or additions to the structure, if the same integrity is maintained. A Medallion may be awarded if it will help get grants, city permits, and donations for a restoration project, or if THC has rejected a request for a state marker.

Applications may be secured from **James Glover, Site Supervisor**, Stephen F. Austin~Munson County Park, 41885 Hwy. 288, Angleton, Texas 77515 (979) 248-5961, jamesg@brazoria-county.com or by contacting Jamie Murray at sfa1821@sbcglobal.net (or leave a message at 979-849-9586.)

It is the responsibility of the Medallion applicant to establish historical significance with researched ownership documentation, compiled in written form, including historical and current photographs and any memorabilia available. [BCHC will assist with research.]

Information shall include:

- ...current photographs from all sides and any other photographs available
- ...if or how the structure played a role in local, county, or state history
- ...if there were individuals involved in making the structure historic
- ...the history of the structure; any events happening through the years that had a bearing on this historical structure (i.e. when built & by whom; who lived there through time, etc.)
- ...plans for the future of the historic structure

RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

Send the completed medallion application with photos and info on the history of the structure to: Jamie Murray, 603 E. Locust, Angleton, TX 77515. The application shall be reviewed by members of the Medallion Project Management to determine the need for any other information. (send by U.S. mail or email to sfa1821@sbcglobal.net)

The medallion applicant shall be financially responsible for restoration and future maintenance of the structure. Materials for restoration shall be as near the original materials as available. As maintenance is needed, the materials shall continue to be as near the original as possible. No fee is required to apply or receive a Medallion.

MEDALLION RECOGNITION GUIDELINES

When the structure meets the eligibility and restoration guidelines, final approval for the County Medallion will be granted by the Brazoria County Historical Commission. The Brazoria County Historical Commission shall purchase the Medallions and will have them engraved.

The standard format inscription shall be:

“The Brazoria County Historical Commission recognizes the Historical Significance of the (name of the structure), awarded (date)”

The official Medallion shall be awarded at a time agreed upon by Brazoria County Historical Commission and the recipient of the award. Placement of the Medallion at the recognized structure is at the discretion of the applicant.

BRAZORIA COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEDALLION APPLICATION

Through its Mission Statement, "To recognize and encourage preservation of Brazoria County historical structures through sensitive restoration projects for present and future generations," guidelines have been developed to increase public awareness for historic architectural heritage within the county.

Property owners who work to improve a historical structure, thereby extending its life and adding to the historical ambiance that old buildings provide, may be eligible for the Brazoria County Landmark Medallion. The Medallion will spark interest and further educate the public about Brazoria County history.

The Brazoria County Medallion shall recognize restoration efforts when attempts to comply with the Texas Historical Commission Marker Standards are not practical for the owner. A structure at least seventy-five (75) years old is eligible for consideration of the County Medallion. A structure turned down for a marker by THC can be considered.

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It is the responsibility of the medallion applicant to provide any information he has on ownership documentation and the history of the structure, compiled in written form, including historical and current photographs from all sides, and copies of any memorabilia available. Cite sources for the research. Structures do not have to be of statewide or national significance. No fee is required to apply or receive a Medallion.

Name of Applicant _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Name of the Historic Structure _____

Year Built _____ Architect/Builder _____

Street Address of structure _____ City _____ Zip _____

The goal is to gather the following information: (BCHC members will assist in gathering photos and info on the structure.)

- current photographs from all sides and any other photographs available
- if or how the structure played a role in local, county, or state history
- if there were individuals/groups involved in making the structure historic
- the history of the structure; any events happening through the years that had a bearing on this historic structure. (i.e. when built & by whom; who lived there through time, family stories, etc.)
- property owner's plans for the future of the historic structure

[*Refer to section RESTORATION AND MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES for submitting the completed medallion application.]