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ANNUAL REPORT TO BLANCO CITY COUNCIL

During the last year the BPHC has been working hard to reach past goals and work toward the future. In doing so we have made great strides to reaching these goals.

One-year goals

1. The one-year goals are:
 1. Gateway signs completed and placed. – There is a partnership between the city, Chamber of Commerce and BHPC, and local citizens making up a steering committee to move forward.
 - a. The \$2,150.00 that was paid to Andrew Manning of Manning Signs is being refunded to the Commission. A check has been sent. At our last meeting it was discussed that these funds should go toward the new Gateway project, as that is what it was intended for.
 2. Social media, FB, and web site are progressing. Wendy Cambridge has done a great job with FB.
 3. Update Survey and Inventory – Develop criteria.
 1. Included in this inventory will be rock walls, rock fences, cisterns and other structures.
 2. A data base program has been secured from the Texas Historical Commission so we can have a searchable database.
- We are working toward recognizing Pittsburg neighborhood and getting a history and placard marker.
- Reestablishing and work with the City/City Council perhaps a City Council liaison. There is more in your package on this.
- Rock walls starting with the wall behind Cranberries working with the city to establish ownership, concerns about liability and historical restoration of such walls.
- Supporting the Streetscape project
- Creating events to celebrate every era of Blanco's history.
 1. Heritage days the first Saturday of February when the Hill Country Trail riders come through town.
 2. May history month. One big event or several smaller events focused on our history from 1900 to present day.

1. New banners to replace the old maroon and grey ones.
They were ordered, paid for, and arrived yesterday.
 - 8 banners with hardware for 4 was \$1,008.00.
 - On our next agenda there will be a discussion to get two 3X5 banners for events.
 - 1) Information booths
 - 2) Parades
 - 3) Other places as needed.
 - 4) The cost for these two banners is \$90.00 each
2. New Historical Walking Tour brochures are being updated for reprint very soon
3. Budget for 2021-2022
 - We purchased the banners and with the remaining funds in this year's budget will be used for the brochures and two banners if passed at the next meeting.
 - 2022-2023 budget we are asking for \$6,800.00
 - 1) \$500 – Supplies: Printer/scanner, paper, ink, etc.
 - 2) \$1500 – Trainings
 - 3) \$2.00 – Markers
 - 4) \$800 – Pamphlets, Flyers, Booklets

Five Year Goals

1. Ongoing reviews (and applicable revisions) to CLG standards
 - Paint guidelines have been created and are to be added to the UDC with design guidelines
 - Looking at and revising forms
 - Have a presence on the city's Google docs for beginning to manage photos, documents etc.
2. Begin the process of identifying
 - Buildings
 - Structures like bridges, rock walls, cisterns etc.
 - Objects like trails, mile markers, streetlamps.
 - Placards
 - Kiosks
 - Interactive historic district online
 - QR code on signs or placards to learn more

This is in development stage new Commissioner, Ryan Moses, is looking to manage it.
3. Develop and expand online presence
4. Identify and create new historic districts, i.e., churches
5. Projects will always be in motion and ongoing.