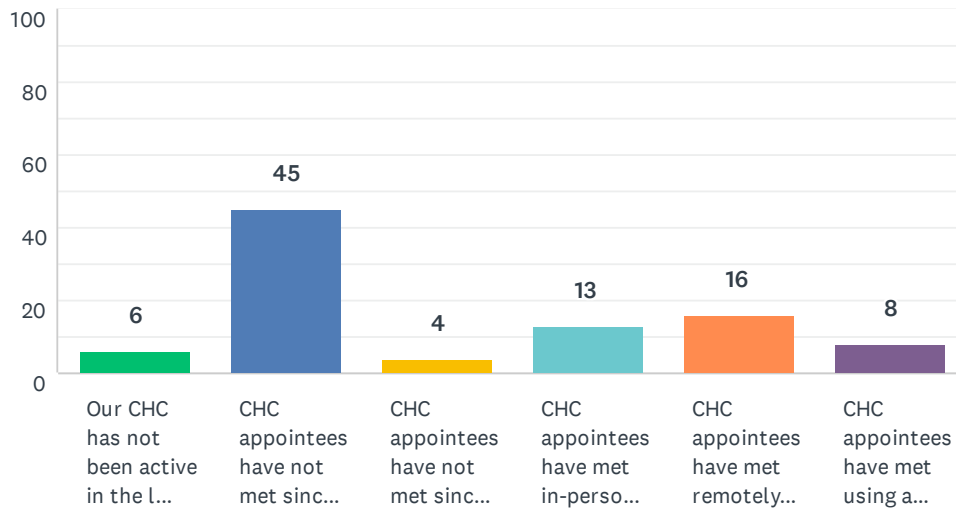


Q1 What is the status of CHC meetings in your county? Please check the answer that best reflects your situation.

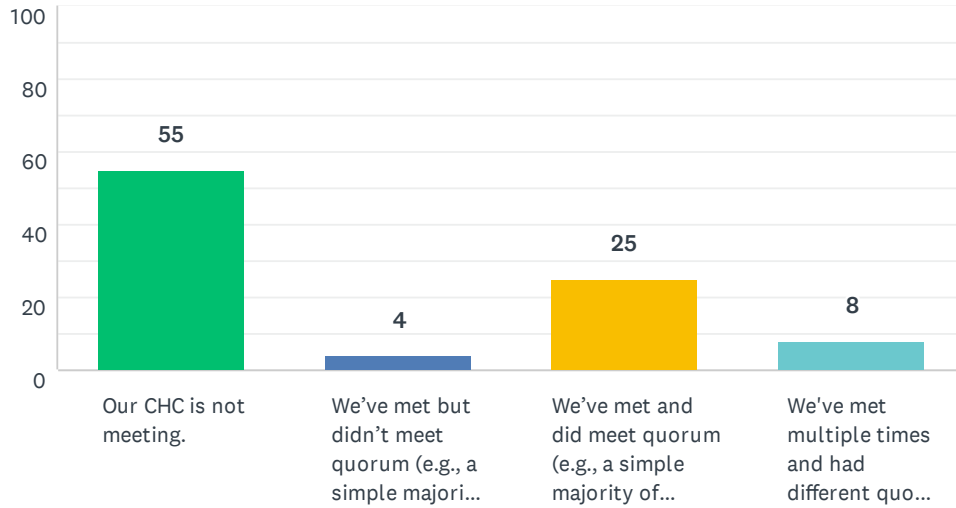
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Our CHC has not been active in the last 12 months. | 6.52% | 6 |
| CHC appointees have not met since March 2020 due to COVID-related issues. | 48.91% | 45 |
| CHC appointees have not met since March 2020 for reasons other than COVID-related issues. | 4.35% | 4 |
| CHC appointees have met in-person since March 2020. | 14.13% | 13 |
| CHC appointees have met remotely (phone, internet, etc.) since March 2020. | 17.39% | 16 |
| CHC appointees have met using a combination of methods (in-person and remotely) since March 2020. | 8.70% | 8 |
| TOTAL | | 92 |

Q2 We'd like to know more about meeting participation (in-person and remotely) since March 2020. Please check the answer that best reflects your situation.

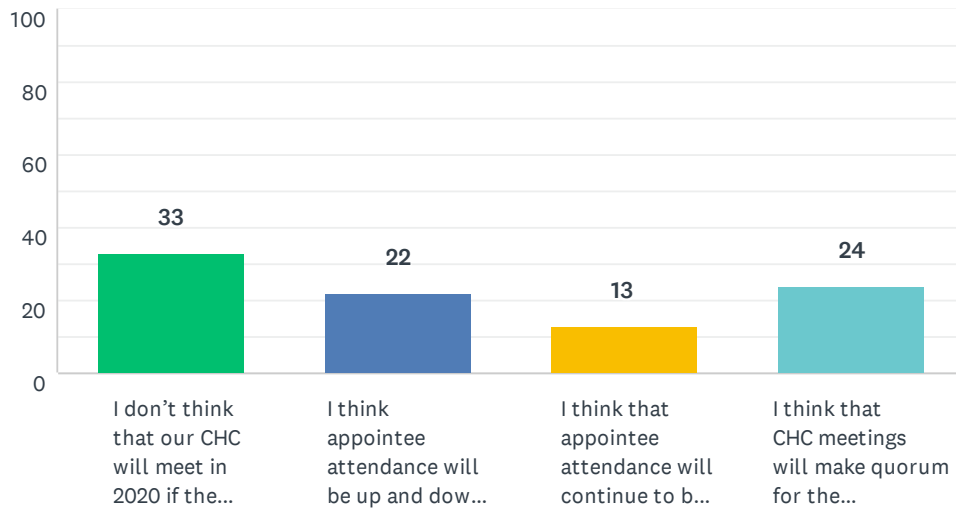
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES |
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| Our CHC is not meeting. | 59.78% 55 |
| We've met but didn't meet quorum (e.g., a simple majority of appointees.) | 4.35% 4 |
| We've met and did meet quorum (e.g., a simple majority of appointees.) | 27.17% 25 |
| We've met multiple times and had different quorum outcomes. | 8.70% 8 |
| TOTAL | 92 |

**Q3 Share your perspective on CHC meetings for the remainder of 2020.
Check the answer that best reflects your opinion.**

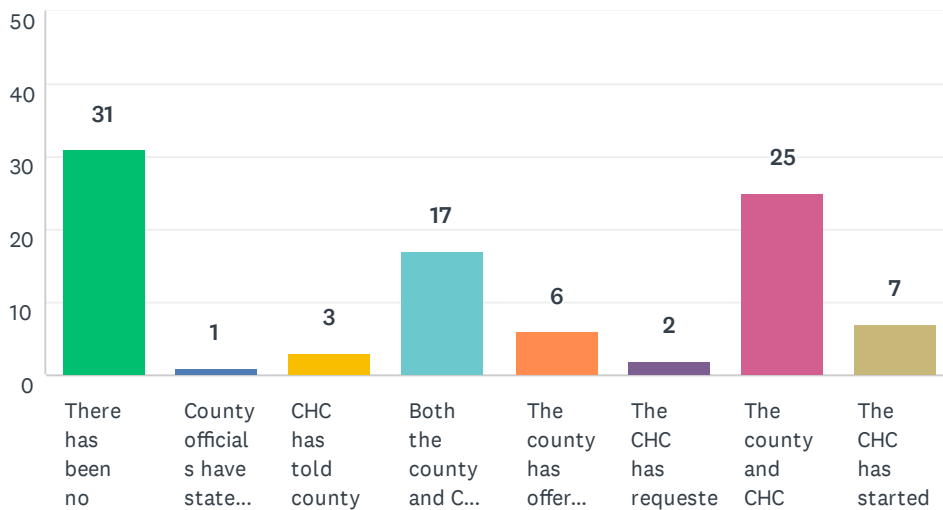
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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| I don't think that our CHC will meet in 2020 if the current pandemic environment continues as is. | 35.87% | 33 |
| I think appointee attendance will be up and down for the remainder of 2020. | 23.91% | 22 |
| I think that appointee attendance will continue to be below quorum through 2020. | 14.13% | 13 |
| I think that CHC meetings will make quorum for the remainder of 2020. | 26.09% | 24 |
| TOTAL | | 92 |

Q4 Communication between county officials and CHC. Please check the answer that best reflects your situation.

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

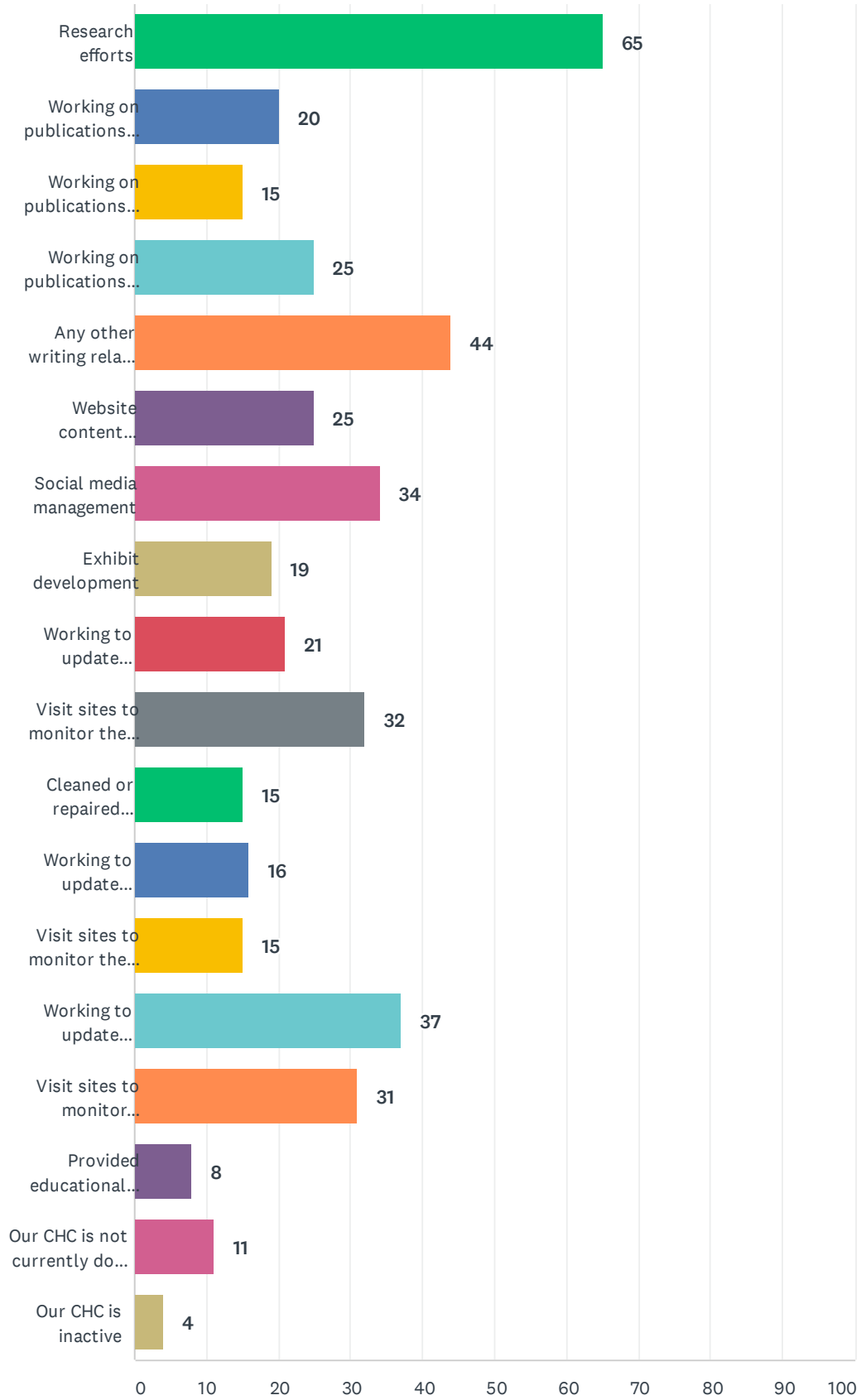


| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| There has been no communication between county and CHC about COVID-related issues. | 33.70% | 31 |
| County officials have stated that it is best for the CHC not to meet at this time. | 1.09% | 1 |
| CHC has told county officials that it is best for the CHC not to meet at this time. | 3.26% | 3 |
| Both the county and CHC feel that it is best for the CHC not to meet at this time. | 18.48% | 17 |
| The county has offered help to CHC to address COVID-related issues. | 6.52% | 6 |
| The CHC has requested help from the county to address COVID-related issues. | 2.17% | 2 |
| The county and CHC are working together to figure out how to best help the CHC continue programming. | 27.17% | 25 |
| The CHC has started to address COVID-related issues without help from the county. | 7.61% | 7 |
| TOTAL | | 92 |

Q5 There are many CHC activities that can be done independently and/or within the confines of current social distancing standards. Check the box next to each activity in which one or more appointees have participated since March 2020?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

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| ANSWER CHOICES | RESPONSES | |
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| Research efforts | 70.65% | 65 |
| Working on publications that highlight subject MARKERS | 21.74% | 20 |
| Working on publications that highlight properties DESIGNATED as historic | 16.30% | 15 |
| Working on publications that highlight CEMETERIES | 27.17% | 25 |
| Any other writing related to sharing public history (newspaper articles, books, etc.) | 47.83% | 44 |
| Website content development | 27.17% | 25 |
| Social media management | 36.96% | 34 |
| Exhibit development | 20.65% | 19 |
| Working to update inventory of subject MARKERS in your county | 22.83% | 21 |
| Visit sites to monitor the physical condition of subject MARKERS in your county | 34.78% | 32 |
| Cleaned or repaired MARKERS | 16.30% | 15 |
| Working to update inventory of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic (i.e., National Register, Recorded Texas Historic Landmark, or State Antiquities Landmark) | 17.39% | 16 |
| Visit sites to monitor the physical condition of properties DESIGNATED by Texas or the Secretary of the Interior as historic | 16.30% | 15 |
| Working to update inventory of CEMETERIES in your county | 40.22% | 37 |
| Visit sites to monitor physical condition of CEMETERIES in your county for threats or endangerment | 33.70% | 31 |
| Provided educational presentations on preservation / history to audiences outside your CHC over the Internet | 8.70% | 8 |
| Our CHC is not currently doing the above activities but is active in other ways | 11.96% | 11 |
| Our CHC is inactive | 4.35% | 4 |
| Total Respondents: 92 | | |

Q6 We know that many CHCs have questions related to Open Meetings Law and how COVID changes meeting requirements. Because these issues are NOT under our agency's purview, we provided related weblinks to information from the Texas Department of Information Resources over the CHC listserv on May 11, 2020. One of those links is a publication that explains how to conduct virtual meetings appropriately. Are there other issues related to how COVID has impacted your CHC appointees and/or your projects that you'd like to share?

Answered: 92 Skipped: 0

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| # | RESPONSES | DATE |
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| 1 | no | 8/5/2020 9:39 AM |
| 2 | Not at this time | 8/4/2020 8:58 PM |
| 3 | no | 8/4/2020 7:39 PM |
| 4 | We have found that Zoom is a great platform for our CHC meetings and we have had more member attendance on Zoom than at in-person meetings before March. Zoom easily allows the meeting to be recorded, as required by Open Meetings Rules and it allows people without a computer or smartphone to call in from any phone to participate with audio only. It does require a minimal, paid subscription to Zoom to have a meeting over 40(?) minutes and to have it recorded, but the price is only \$11-\$16 / month, depending on the payment plan selected. I am sure there are some other audio/video conference call software that works well too, but I have only used Zoom and do not need to look any further at this time. I also like the "Brady Bunch" or "Hollywood Squares" view of all participants in the meeting! I save screen shots of the group images, as a record-keeping tool. | 8/3/2020 8:58 PM |
| 5 | Two of our meetings were cancelled, but today we met electronically, using the County's Go to Meeting account. We will continue to meet the rest of this year, although it will most likely not be in person. | 8/3/2020 7:54 PM |
| 6 | Quorum | 8/3/2020 5:28 PM |
| 7 | NO | 8/3/2020 4:44 PM |
| 8 | None. | 8/3/2020 3:31 PM |
| 9 | Hidalgo County Historical Commission is working with committees assigned to each project | 8/3/2020 2:25 PM |
| 10 | no other issues. we try to meet in one of our museums or other historical venue each meeting, but most are not conducive to proper social distancing. We have tried to keep in touch with commission members with frequent emails and by promoting activities of other historical entities in the area. | 8/3/2020 2:15 PM |
| 11 | no | 8/2/2020 2:52 PM |
| 12 | Cancellation of the two major community sponsored festivals, one in sept (gatorfest) and one in oct (old river founders day) will force us to think of other projects...meanwhile we focus on cemeteries and markers as well as research and writing. We are in the middle of a project at Ft Anahuac that requires contractors, and their availability halted progress for few months but should be better now. We plan a Zoom meeting soon | 8/1/2020 4:22 PM |
| 13 | Most of our members are within the age group with concerned health issues. We will not me in a group as long as this virus continues, but we continue with our THC work. | 8/1/2020 2:40 PM |
| 14 | Some of our more vulnerable volunteers are working from home, or not working. Others are wearing masks, taking recomended precautions and continuing as usual. Some projects are on hold. | 8/1/2020 11:01 AM |
| 15 | Our CHC office is in our public library (which is now open) and one or two of us have been there to work on updating our files. Two of our researchers are there 2 or 3 days a week to answer any questions, particularly about genealogy, for anyone needing info about ancestors or any other information about Mason or Mason County. | 8/1/2020 9:26 AM |
| 16 | Our members are mostly of the elderly type and do not want to take chances on meeting and not everyone had computers. So we have opted to not meet to date. | 7/31/2020 9:08 PM |
| 17 | Not at this time. | 7/31/2020 2:54 PM |
| 18 | Our museum meetings, our archeological society meetings, and our regional annual celebrations have also been postponed to a later time or next year. Our economy is shot and we are in a drought, besides worrying about city riots and the destruction of historical markers and the history that they stand for. It's a time like most of us have never experienced, and now all at one time with a pandemic. | 7/31/2020 1:42 PM |
| 19 | We are working on Aransas County Sesquicentennial 2021 and to publish a Marker Guide pamphlet. | 7/31/2020 11:08 AM |

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| 20 | Nearly all of our members are in a very high risk category for COVID so we have not met since March, but I'm planning yo put together a meeting that may be virtual or a combination of virtual and in-person. Not all of our members have email or internet. rnet. | 7/31/2020 9:47 AM |
| 21 | Our appointees have continued historical projects during the virus period. We hold meetings via Zoom monthly and always exceeded our quorum. Our cemetery restorers wear masks and gloves and continue to clean headstones and landscape the areas. All of our projects have continued in some form. | 7/31/2020 2:15 AM |
| 22 | No | 7/30/2020 8:20 PM |
| 23 | No | 7/30/2020 4:02 PM |
| 24 | None at this time | 7/30/2020 1:20 PM |
| 25 | Not at this time. | 7/30/2020 12:07 PM |
| 26 | We are working on finding a way to save a historic building- the L7 ranch house/headquarters in NE Terry County. It was designated in 2019 my Preservation Texas as One l'd Texas Most Endangered Sites. We have made a new co tact in our search to save it that looks promising. | 7/30/2020 11:55 AM |
| 27 | Several member out due to direct Covid-19 impact. | 7/30/2020 11:31 AM |
| 28 | We have been able to meet by implementing Zoom for members who are not comfortable meeting in person while hosting our meetings at the American Legion Hall to be able to socially distance for members not comfortable using Zoom. | 7/30/2020 9:57 AM |
| 29 | none at this time | 7/30/2020 9:57 AM |
| 30 | A few of our members have done a few activities listed above, such as cleaning markers and doing research for other markers but otherwise, our CHC has not met face-to-face due to COVID and I am unsure when we will be able to meet again. We had plans this year to begin mapping out/updating cemetery records and to begin cleaning headstones but for now those as well as other projects have been put on hold. | 7/30/2020 8:59 AM |
| 31 | No | 7/30/2020 8:38 AM |
| 32 | We are very concerned that we may not be able to gather a quorum through the rest of this year. | 7/30/2020 7:45 AM |
| 33 | Our virtual meetings using zoom has initially been very differcult. Robert rules of Order has been used extensively. Because of Covid-19 , most of our older members would like to stay at home and not meet in person, until a vaccine has been developed. Therefore our museums are closed, indefinitely. We have no projects at this time. | 7/30/2020 4:42 AM |
| 34 | Various members are still working on projects that can be done from home. As chair we keep in touch with each and update the members as needed. The number of members working on various committee projects is expanding. With school out for the summer, I've encouraged members to get the grandkids involved and help teach them expand computer skills. Seems to be helping. | 7/30/2020 12:29 AM |
| 35 | none | 7/29/2020 11:11 PM |
| 36 | Because of the COVID situation we are unable to proceed with plans to host a Local History Symposium for the youth of our community. We were hoping to bring speakers and make presentations at the school auditorium in the fall but the challenging problems facing our schools due to COVID has made it impossible to proceed with this project. Our CHC met last week. Eight of the thirteen appointees attended the meeting that was held at the District Courtroom in the courthouse in order to have more space to social distance. We all wore masks and provided sanitizer for all. We addressed the replacement of the windows at the historic Old Jail Museum building and repairs at the historic Garza House, the first house in Hebbronville. A Texas Treasure Business Award will be presented to The Central Furniture Store in November outside of the building rather than inside the store as planed due to COVID situation. Thank you for reaching out to us. Take care and stay safe. | 7/29/2020 10:29 PM |
| 37 | No | 7/29/2020 10:21 PM |
| 38 | no | 7/29/2020 9:54 PM |
| 39 | None | 7/29/2020 9:25 PM |

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| 40 | None | 7/29/2020 9:25 PM |
| 41 | We just find it frustrating at not being able to interact and bounce ideas off each other's reasoning. We work so much better by having face to face committee activities. | 7/29/2020 9:23 PM |
| 42 | None | 7/29/2020 9:14 PM |
| 43 | Blanco CHC has volunteers who do not have computers in home to use so virtual meetings leaves them out and our judge has set meetings of no more than 5 people then no more than ten people. Still trying to cover all the rules of state and county and still finds a meeting place also. | 7/29/2020 8:52 PM |
| 44 | Majority of members are in Covid high risk category because of age. Continue to do historical research, exhibit design and museum computer inventory. Hail storm has damaged museum roof, ceiling tiles, sign and awning. Working with County through bidding process and repairs. Executive committee meetings in person at museum with Covid precautions. Falls County Historical Museum closed to public. Planning Falls County Historic Symposium for February, 2021, may have to delay. | 7/29/2020 8:19 PM |
| 45 | a number of our appointees are not able to meet virtually | 7/29/2020 7:21 PM |
| 46 | We plan to meet in August to discuss the remainder of the year and plan to reopen when the County feels it is safe. | 7/29/2020 6:48 PM |
| 47 | We have had much better attendance meeting remotely and achieving quorums than before. | 7/29/2020 6:23 PM |
| 48 | Not at this time | 7/29/2020 6:08 PM |
| 49 | Nor just CHC members but members who belong to other groups are not willing to jump in and use other forms of technology, such as zoom, webinars so they can continue to stay active. | 7/29/2020 6:00 PM |
| 50 | Each month that we miss a regularly scheduled meeting, the Chairman gathers information on what each member has been doing in regard to historic preservation. This accumulated Activity Report then gets sent to all members and the County Judge in lieu of meeting minutes. These Activity Reports are also shared with the local newspaper who publish them. | 7/29/2020 5:31 PM |
| 51 | Not yet | 7/29/2020 4:58 PM |
| 52 | We postponed our second quarter meeting, scheduled for April 15, to June 30 and have rescheduled our third quarter meeting, scheduled for July, to August 24. Some people attend in person with social distancing while others attend via phone. In June we made quorum and expect to do so again in August with similar attendance. We aren't doing much, but we are hanging on and still as active as we can be under the circumstances. | 7/29/2020 4:56 PM |
| 53 | Zoom meetings have been an issue due to technical skills of members. We submitted markers apps; have a zoom CLG scheduled; and will hold a marker dedication Aug. 5. Only the Chair will attend the DSA presentation at commissioners court. It has been difficult to maintain some cohesiveness among all LCHC members. | 7/29/2020 4:33 PM |
| 54 | In our rural area the CHC consists of members who know each other and have served together in various organizations. Although we have not met in person, our contact is on-going because that's what acquaintances do. I have sent to our members snail mail letters with a cartoon and information about web sites that I have come across during the month. It seems to me that one's email box fills almost overwhelmingly. | 7/29/2020 4:24 PM |
| 55 | No | 7/29/2020 4:06 PM |
| 56 | Our CHC members are communicating via email and phone, but since all members are over 60 and are therefore in the danger group, we are hesitant to meet in person. | 7/29/2020 4:00 PM |
| 57 | We have had a number of scheduled, cancelled and re-scheduled meetings! We met in February, cancelled April, met in June and cancelled our July meeting. So depending on the cases in our county, etc. I will try to schedule again in late August or September. | 7/29/2020 3:58 PM |
| 58 | I missed that linkserv. I need that publication on how to conduct virtual meetings appropriately | 7/29/2020 3:57 PM |
| 59 | No | 7/29/2020 3:56 PM |
| 60 | We have continued to work whenever we can within the local guidelines. We take every precaution and have been successful with the exception of meeting regularly, we were accustomed to meeting monthly. | 7/29/2020 3:40 PM |

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| 61 | Landowner of cemetery exposed to covid and have not been able to visit site yet. Clean-up and clearing of a different cemetery has been postponed because participants are not comfortable doing this work right now. Planning for cemetery preservation workshop with two adjacent CHCs has been put on hold with no clear idea of when we will be able to continue. | 7/29/2020 3:31 PM |
| 62 | We met in June and July. We wear masks inside the courthouse, where we meet, and social distance in the meeting room. In June we did not have a quorum. In July we did have a quorum. Virtual meetings are not practical for our members who are not attending due to covid. | 7/29/2020 3:28 PM |
| 63 | We had tentatively planned to move our next meeting (Sept) to the county courtroom where we could practice safe social distancing requirements. But since then, executive committee has met via ZOOM to work on budget, and we decided to try to set up a ZOOM meeting for our next DCHC meeting for all members in September. We've yet to see how members will respond, as some are not into using technology comfortably. Due to continuing uncertainty with Covid issues, Executive committee also decided to cut back on our regular monthly meetings to perhaps just 2 more this year: September to adopt a budget, and either November or December to elect officers and recommend appointees (or reappointees in this case) for next biennium. | 7/29/2020 3:27 PM |
| 64 | We have not been able to work as much as planned on completion of a cemetery project, so we may have to continue into 2021. We had planned on having tours at a historical orphanage in New Braunfels this year, but we will not be able to. So our tour committee has regrouped and is working on a virtual tour, using photos. We are meeting via ZOOM and appreciate the guidance THC gave us in May. Some of our members do not use ZOOM, but we have had a quorum for our meetings. We are having a kick-off meeting for one of our National Register projects, and that will be done via ZOOM. We are trying to use Facebook more to get information out about historical properties, markers, etc. | 7/29/2020 3:14 PM |
| 65 | Not at this time | 7/29/2020 3:12 PM |
| 66 | We have met on two occasions by Zoom meetings with good attendance as most of our members are internet savvy. The biggest challenge for us is whether our high school Youth Advisory Board can meet this fall. We have two County historical markers that are in production and will plan dedication ceremonies when they arrive. | 7/29/2020 3:11 PM |
| 67 | While the commission members as a whole have not been able to meet since March 2020, the Executive Committee has been able to meet. Communication with members continues through email and Facebook. | 7/29/2020 3:06 PM |
| 68 | No | 7/29/2020 3:06 PM |
| 69 | no | 7/29/2020 3:05 PM |
| 70 | Yes. Not being able to meet in person has put on hold all activities that necessitate face to face contact. For example we have been unable to meet new board appointees or meet with marker applicants | 7/29/2020 3:00 PM |
| 71 | With the aid of the THC, our Walker County Judge/Commissioners, coupled with common sense, we regularly monitor the virus situation, and are literally deciding from month to month whether or not we are able to hold our monthly meetings. Some activities continue "behind the scenes" as we are safely able to do so. | 7/29/2020 2:57 PM |
| 72 | As Chair of Montague County HC I was the only member allowed to attend for the presentation of the Service Award for 2019 from the Commissioners Court of Montague County. The commission did not meet in July but will continue in August and we have a Talking Tombstone Tour scheduled for Sept 26. Wayne Wood | 7/29/2020 2:53 PM |
| 73 | No | 7/29/2020 2:48 PM |
| 74 | Our next meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday; usual time, usual place. All bring masking, some choose to wear them, we keep distances, and we move through the agenda as quickly as possible. There are a couple of active cases in the County now, but those who have tested positive were mild cases and all have recovered so far. We continue to share information and enjoy it. | 7/29/2020 2:47 PM |
| 75 | 1. We have opened our archives on a two day per week schedule. County Judge has furnished face masks and hand sanitizing station. We require face masks for all visitors and hand sanitizing before they touch anything. 2. We have three different cemeteries we are assisting | 7/29/2020 2:47 PM |

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someone with research on and facilitating their efforts to get a HTC designation. 3. We are assisting someone with research on an old church. 4. We are working to move a 1936 centennial marker. 5. We are communicating via email, phone, text, and Facebook messenger. 6. Our commissioners court and county judge have supported our efforts and given us guidance as to C-19. 7. We had commission meetings in January and February but have not met since then.

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| 76 | We have had to cancel/postpone public presentations during the covid pandemic. | 7/29/2020 2:45 PM |
| 77 | Not at this time | 7/29/2020 2:42 PM |
| 78 | Our CHC was on the verge of becoming inactive as a result of the extreme economic decline in our county before COVID. The pandemic has just made the possibility of our doing so seem even more likely. | 7/29/2020 2:40 PM |
| 79 | We plan to meet in August via virtual meeting to review a National Register nomination for a historic district in downtown Port Arthur. | 7/29/2020 2:38 PM |
| 80 | NO, THANK YOU | 7/29/2020 2:37 PM |
| 81 | Most local civic groups are not meeting right now. | 7/29/2020 2:34 PM |
| 82 | Not at this time | 7/29/2020 2:34 PM |
| 83 | Committees are meeting by computer to accomplish goals. | 7/29/2020 2:33 PM |
| 84 | Our Commissioners are largely super-annuated and subject to increased risk. As many are not computer literate, use of Zoom and other platforms is doubtful. Most of the work during this period has been based on unilateral decisions by the CHC chair, and is for the most part continuation of ongoing projects. However, we need to make new Commission appointments, and will need to find a way to produce a quorum in early 2021. | 7/29/2020 2:32 PM |
| 85 | I am the chairman and I have been in quarantine since I contracted covid in early July. We have been very active even though we are not meeting. We have published our newsletter and provided counsel for several issues that developed in the county. We have communicated with all Commission members. | 7/29/2020 2:32 PM |
| 86 | We are trying to teach our members how to use a virtual meeting site. Most of us are old and set in our ways, but we are trying to master it so we can have a meeting and still comply. We are trying to finish up our flyers for different part of the county, showing markers, historical sites, etc., but we have not published them, yet, since everything is shut down. | 7/29/2020 2:31 PM |
| 87 | We have strong support from our County officials, so we have had no interruptions to our normally scheduled Commission and Committee meetings, although now they are virtual. Coincidentally, we just began a project to inspect all of our State Markers three weeks ago, and all information will be turned into our County works department for any required cleanings and/or repairs. After this is completed, we will work on other types of markers. Also, the County is taking this downtime to entirely rework our website with contributions from our Commissioners. Although we have had some attrition of membership, for the most part this has actually been a very productive time. | 7/29/2020 2:29 PM |
| 88 | While the Commission has not met since February, we did hold our annual Bleil Heritage Award Reception in March and the Executive Committee met once in person and twice virtually. | 7/29/2020 2:27 PM |
| 89 | We've been meeting via Zoom and mostly working on our website and Facebook page. Thanks! | 7/29/2020 2:26 PM |
| 90 | no | 7/29/2020 2:26 PM |
| 91 | Not all members have internet access and therefore, Zoom meetings would not always meet a quorum requirement. As chairman, I make weekly phone calls to check on the health and well being of our members and discuss their individual activities (research, cemetery work, marker cleaning, etc) ... and their concerns. | 7/29/2020 2:21 PM |
| 92 | None | 7/29/2020 2:21 PM |