

Cayce Historical Museum Commission June 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes

The June 5, 2024, meeting of the Cayce Historical Museum Commission (CHMC) was held in the Cayce Visitors Center. The meeting was convened at 4:01 by Chair James Stewart. The following individuals attended the meeting:

| Name | Status |
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| James Stewart | Chair |
| Pamela Sulton | Vice Chair |
| Marcy Hayden | Secretary (absent) |
| A.G. Dantzler | Commissioner |
| Archie Moore | Commissioner |
| Charlita Earle | Commissioner |
| Pamela Sulton | Commissioner |
| Keith Stephenson | Commissioner |
| David Brinkman | Commissioner |
| Rusty Rabon | Commissioner |
| Andy Thomas | Cayce Museum Curator |
| Elizabeth Lumsden | Cayce Museum Assistant |

Upcoming Events:

10/6 Sweet Night

10/26 Fall Field Day at 12,000-Year History Park

Invocation: A.G. Dantzler

Action Items:

New Commissioner Introductions

This was the first meeting for Commissioners Rabon and Stephenson so the Commissioners went around the table and made introductions.

May Meeting Minutes:

The Commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes. One typo was corrected and Commissioner Sulton motioned to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Earle and approved by unanimous vote.

Museum Staff Report

Mr. Thomas reported on the Museum's archaeology day event and the African American Legends of Cayce event. Attendance at these events were estimated at 10-20 and 60-70, respectively.

Museum staff are making progress on the NAGPRA inventory having recorded around 1,000 objects to date. They have also moved forward with the exhibit case for the Civil War exhibit and have sought quotes for printing panels and new flooring in the Public Safety building. Ms. Lumsden also continues to work on the Airport exhibit. She also scheduled a program for school children on 6/15 focused on aging paper with tea.

Historic Preservation

The Commissioners discussed recent news that Santee Cooper was planning to modify and/or remove the Cayce Locks from the Congaree River. The work is supported at the Federal level and the Chair has asked that the Commission be a party to any further planning discussions. Commissioner Moore reported that at one time the utility company was willing to deed a parcel formerly occupied by the canal keeper to Cayce for use as a park. At the time, the Council declined the offer. It may be worthwhile exploring who currently owns the parcel and whether it can be acquired by the city since it would provide a great location for an exhibit about Cayce's commerce and transportation history.

Monkey Branch Springs Creek

The Commissioners discussed the removal of the Monkey Branch Springs Creek sign on Frink Street. The Chair presented map and newspaper research (attached) that record the name back more than 100 years, and two legends about how the stream got the name were also brought forward. Further research is needed to see whether the name was recorded on the any earlier documents.

July Meeting

The Commissioners voted to cancel the July 3 meeting of the Museum Commission due to the holiday.

With no other business on the meeting agenda, Commissioner Dantzler motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Sulton seconded the motion and the Commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at

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POLLUTED STREAM CASE AFFIRMED

Lexington County Wins Before Supreme Court Against A-A Chemical Company.

The South Carolina supreme court has just handed down a decision that is expected by the game warden's department to be of considerable help in enforcing the laws against polluting streams. The case was started three years ago in Lexington county and involves the question of pollution of Monkey Spring branch near Cayce, four miles from Columbia.

Action was brought by Lexington county authorities against the American Agricultural Chemical company, which has a fertilizer plant at Cayce, charging it with polluting the branch and causing the death of fish in nearby ponds and in the Congaree river into which the branch empties. The company was found guilty and the case taken to the supreme court where it was affirmed. It again was reviewed by the court on another point and again the company lost.

Seven exceptions were overruled in the opinion written by Justice Watts and concurred in by all of the justices.

Witnesses in the case testified that they had fished in Cayce's and Taylor's ponds and found the fishing good prior to the building of the fertilizer plant. Seepage from the fertilizer works, however, they alleged, got into the ponds and killed the fish.

Joe M. Caughman, then warden for Lexington county, is mentioned among the witnesses in the case. He caught several fish and placed some in a container containing pure water and others in water from the branch after it passed the fertilizer works. The fish in the first container lived several days apparently healthy while those in the latter died.

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The American Agricultural Chemical company case, before the court for the second time, was decided in favor of the state, respondent, the court holding that Judge W. H. Townsend, who had tried the case, had not made "any error in any particular complained of." Under the law and the facts as proved, the court added, "we do not see how the defendant could escape conviction." The company was tried and convicted of permitting poisonous substances to flow into Monkey Spring branch in Lexington county from its fertilizer plant so as to kill the fish of the stream. A fine of \$500 was imposed.

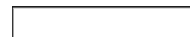
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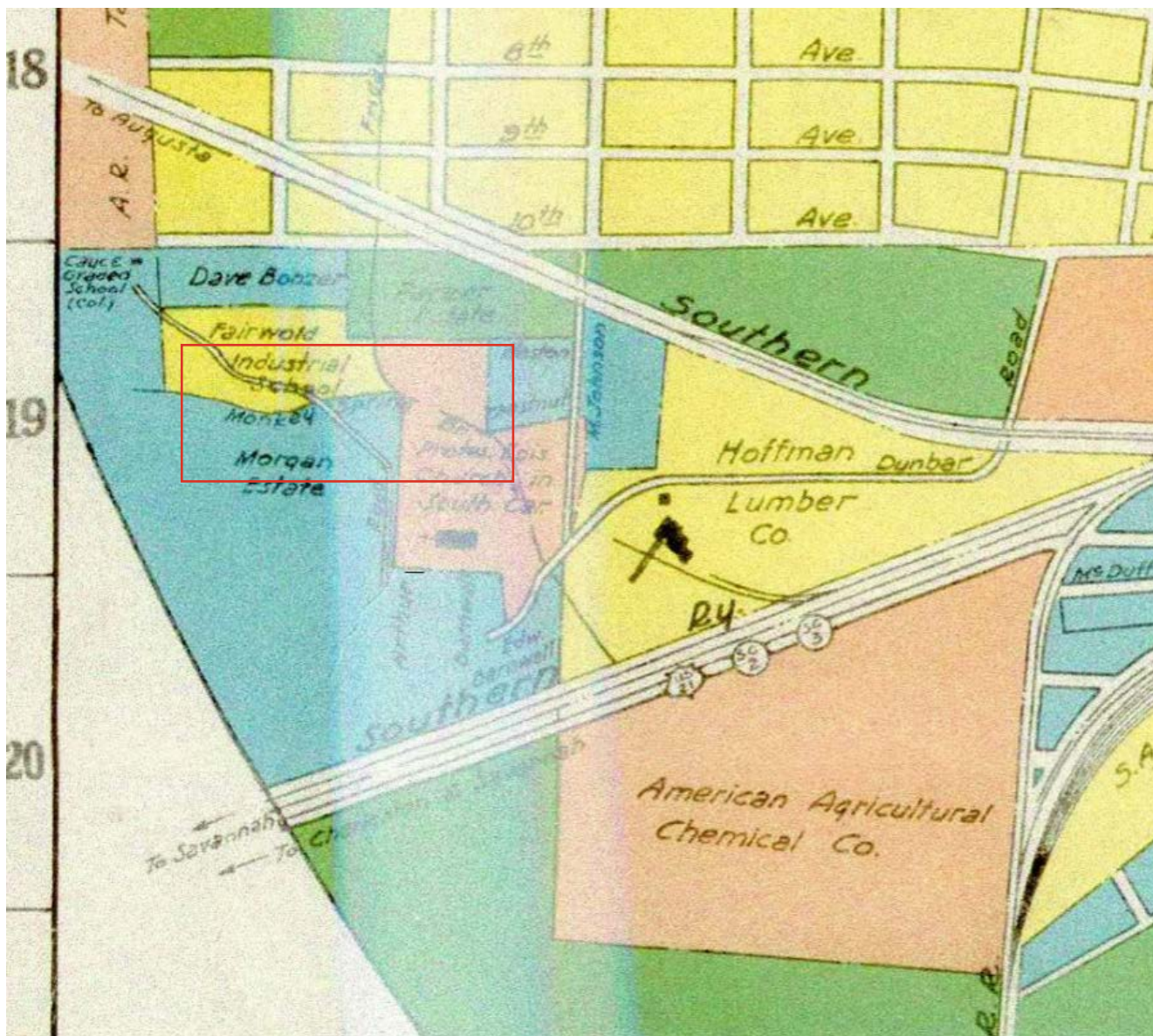
**WILL DISCUSS ROAD
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**Moorefield and Thomas to Meet
With Authorities From Four
Counties.**

C. H. Moorefield, state highway engineer, with L. H. Thomas, secretary of the commission, leaves Columbia today to inspect the bridge now being constructed over the Savannah river, and to confer with representatives from Beaufort, Jasper, and Hampton counties and the highway commission of Chatham county, Georgia, concern-

Monkey Spring





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1928 Map of Columbia, S.C. & Vicinity

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