



The AHHA! Moment

Newsletter of the Alamo Heights Historical Association

January 13, 2023

Our monthly meeting on January 12 accomplished a great deal in forming the organization.

With 16 members present, we adopted an **official purpose**:

To develop an engaged team of individuals dedicated to documenting and where possible preserving knowledge, charm, history and character of Alamo Heights, TX - our “city of beauty and charm”.

The 501c3 Non-profit application to the state will be filed next week, along with a DBA (doing business as) of AHHA, or AHHA!.

Officers were elected:

President – Michael Carroll

Vice president – Jessica Mitchell

Treasurer - (Open) – will become important after 5013c obtained, dues determined, and fund-raising projects are established.

Secretary – Natalie Smith

Goals were established:

Website (<https://ahha09.org/>) (Lead: Michael Carroll, Jessica Mitchell)

Architectural/Historical reviews of homes to promote awareness of AHHA.

Feature Centennial Homes.

Obtain Oral Histories.

Organize and archive existing research.

Marketing (Lead – Douglas Smith)

Publicize AHHA on social media, local magazines, newspaper.

Locate home for meetings.

Membership list and newspaper (Lead – Sarah Reveley)

Continue monthly newsletter, decide on logo, research online mailing lists.

Preservation (Lead – Allen Casey)

Pursue National Register of Historic Places application.

Participation in 14th Annual Historical Homeowners’ Fair 2/11/2023

(<https://www.sarehabberclub.com/hhf>)

Second Thursday of the month set for meetings – next is February 9, 2023, at 6pm.

Unsuccessful in finding an appropriate article from the past for Friday 13th to share with y'all, I have included the unluckiest person in Alamo Heights that I could find. This news item didn't appear in the San Antonio paper, and there were no other stories identifying the family. Can anyone solve the mystery?

FIND SHALLOW GRAVE UNDER HOUSE WHERE WOMAN WAS MISSING

**HOUSE BURNED SEVERAL
YEARS AGO AND FAMILY
MOVED ELSEWHERE.**

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 19.—(P).—Possibility that a house, mysteriously burned in Alamo Heights several years ago, served as the funeral pyre for a young woman who disappeared and of whom no trace was ever found confronted officers today. They sought to unravel the enigma presented by the finding of human bones yesterday.

Immediately after the fire a young woman of the family occupying the house was reported missing, according to information given deputy sheriffs. When a perfunctory search was without result, the family moved away and were not seen about Alamo Heights again.

These facts were brought to light when B. A. Fussel, contractor found a mass of human bones in excavations being made for a church to be erected in Alamo Heights.

They were found in a shallow grave about six inches below the surface of the ground, the contractor said.