



**AGENDA
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING
CITY OF LEANDER, TEXAS**



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM

Place 1 - Benjamin Geiger
Place 2 - Anna Yelaun
Place 3 - Kathy Howell
Place 4 - Esmeralda Gonzalez
Place 5 - Joel Bakki

Place 6 - Christina Twing
Place 7 - Triste Freeburg
Council Liaison - Kathryn Pantalion-Parker
Staff Liaison - Karina Castillo

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.
2. Roll Call.
3. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.

Public comments on items listed in the agenda will be heard at the time each item is discussed.

[All comments are limited to no more than 3 minutes (6 minutes if translation is needed) per individual.]

4. CHAIR'S REPORT
5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT
 1. Public Education
 2. Website and Social Media
 3. Special Events
 4. Historic Locations
6. STAFF BRIEFINGS
 1. Bryson Farmstead
 2. Mason Homestead

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on February 19, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discussion of historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

9. Discuss and consider the City of Leander Public Library showcase and other possible locations.
10. Discuss and consider the characters for Spirits of Bagdad held in October 2025.
11. Discuss and consider action on purchases and possible expenses for Fiscal Year 2025.
12. Future Agenda Items [Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.]
13. Adjournment

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karina Castillo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karina Castillo, Planning Manager



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3/19/2025**

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes for meeting held on February 19, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Attachments:

1. 02.19.2025 HPC Draft Minutes



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REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:31 p.m

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflects all Commissioners present except Commissioner Bakki

3. Public comments on items not listed in the agenda.

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No one spoke.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No report.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Public Education
2. Website and Social Media
3. Special Events
4. Historic Locations

1. The public education subcommittee did not have an update.
2. The website and social media update included discussing a schedule for upcoming social media posts. The content of the posts will be provided during the next meeting. There was discussion about posting for the upcoming Mason Heritage Days event.

3. The special events update included discussions and coordination regarding the Mason Heritage Days event and the Old Town Festival.
4. The historic locations subcommittee did not have an update.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

1. Bryson Farmstead
2. Mason Homestead

1. The Bryson Farmstead's 30% plans were approved by the Texas Historic Commission and the 60% plans are now under design.
2. Staff is working on getting permits to fill the wells on the site and creating a plan to budget for the needed maintenance.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on January 15, 2025. Motion: Approve

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Gonzalez

Vote: 6 - 0 None

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discussion of historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

The Commission discussed possible way to designate properties or sites as historic and requested additional time for research. This item was tabled to the March 19, 2025 meeting.

9. Discuss and consider topics to submit for the Central Texas Learning Festival held March 5, 2025 through March 9, 2025.

This item was tabled to the October 15, 2025 meeting.

10. Discuss and consider the City of Leander Public Library showcase.

The Commission discussed possible locations for a showcase at the Leander Public Library, Leander Activity Center, and the future Senior Center. The item was tabled to the March 19, 2025 meeting.

11. Discuss and consider the characters for Spirits of Bagdad held in October 2025.

Discussions were had regarding the possible characters for the Spirits of Bagdad in October 2025. The Commission agreed to do further research on Newell Tullis White, Robert Mason, George Graven, Elish McDaniel, and Esther "Etta" Ferguson Insall with Lucinda Levitt as an alternate. Further research will be provided during the March 19, 2025 meeting.

12. Future Agenda Items [Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.]

Future agenda items include the FY 2025 budget, possible location for a video by Gus Bernal, inventory of historic properties, discussions regarding showcasing Leander history, and possibilities on connecting kids with Leander history.

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3/19/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discussion of historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Preservation Commission Ordinance listed duties that are required by the Commission to include maintaining an inventory of historical properties within the City of Leander. The City completed a study in partnership with CityLab which included an inventory of historical properties as a part of Tools for Implementing Preservation Policy and Programs.

DIVISION 5. - HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Sec. 1.04.121. - Created; purpose; appointment and term of members.

(e) (6) Maintain an inventory of significant historic, architectural, and cultural landmarks and all properties located within the city.

During the February 19, 2025 meeting, the Commission discussed possible ways to designate properties or sites as historical and requested additional time to perform research.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3/19/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider the City of Leander Public Library showcase and other possible locations.

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Preservation Committee has previously had a showcase at the Leander Public Library that is periodically updated by the Commissioners based on the agreed upon topics. The Commission may decide to choose a new topic or a previous topic. Additional locations may be selected such as the Leander Activity Center and Senior Center based on availability.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3/19/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider the characters for Spirits of Bagdad held in October 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Leander Chamber of Commerce previously included a sub-committee made of members of the Historic Preservation Commission to help with their Spirits of Bagdad event held in October. The Chamber has requested the Commission's assistance with their event this October. During the February 19, 2025 meeting, the Commission agreed on the following characters:

- Newell Tullis White
- Robert Mason
- George Graven
- Elish McDaniel
- Esther "Etta" Ferguson Insall
- Lucinda Levitt as an alternate

After further research following the meeting, the list has been updated as follows:

- Newell Tullis White 1822-1885 (Pioneer Section 21-17)
- Martha Ann Huddleston McDaniel 1829-1915 (Pioneer 15-12)
- Robert Mason 1836-1904 (Rancher 14-58)
- Mac Bainbridge 1902-1923 (Rancher 6-66)
- Esther "Etta" Ferguson Insall 1856-1899 (Pioneer 17-34)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
3/19/2025

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action on purchases and possible expenses for Fiscal Year 2025.

BACKGROUND:

The Historic Preservation Commission's budget is currently \$2,500 to be used through the remainder of the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025. Possible expenses might include items such as new posters to display at the Leander Public Library and other locations, prints and giveaways for upcoming events, and videography services.

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