



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room  
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas  
Wednesday, May 21, 2025  
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM

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| <b>Place 1 - Benjamin Geiger</b>    | <b>Place 6 – Christina Twing</b>                  |
| <b>Place 2 – Anna Yelaun</b>        | <b>Place 7 – Triste Freeburg</b>                  |
| <b>Place 3 – Kathy Howell</b>       | <b>Council Liaison - Kathryn Pantalion-Parker</b> |
| <b>Place 4 – Esmeralda Gonzalez</b> | <b>Staff Liaison – Karina Castillo</b>            |
| <b>Place 5 - Joel Bakki</b>         |   |
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**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.

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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 April 16, 2025.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

8. Discuss and consider volunteer schedule and responsibilities for Old Town Festival being held on June 7, 2025.
9. Discuss the posters to be printed for upcoming events and display options.
10. Discuss the rack cards to be printed to showcase City of Leander's history.
11. Discuss the procedures for oral history.
12. Discuss and consider volunteering at the ArtFest held on October 4, 2025.
13. 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.]
14. Discussion of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.
15. Adjournment

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Karina Castillo, Planning Manager



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**5/21/2025**

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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Approval of the minutes for meeting held on April 16, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

**HISTORY/TIMELINE:**

**APPLICANT/AGENT:**

**PRESENTER:**

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**Attachments:**

1. 04.16.2025 HPC Draft Minutes



**MINUTES  
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**REGULAR MEETING**

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all present with Commissioner Bakki absent, Commissioner Howel arriving at 5:42 pm and Commissioner Gonzalez arriving at 5:56 pm.

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

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No one spoke.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair provided an update that Commissioner Bakki in Place 5 has resigned and new appointment will be made on April 17, 2025.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. The public education updated included a presentation with the Chamber of Commerce on April 15 and a presentation to the City Council on April 17 to include the history of Leander ISD over a three month series.
2. The website and Social Media update included the Mayor discussing consistency through all Commissions.
3. The special events update included Mason Days debrief which included about 350 attendees and confirming the participating in 2026. The Old Town Street Festival is coming up on June 7. The Nameless Events - Homecoming will be taking place in 2026.
4. The historic locations update include a potential family cafe at the A. S. Mason House.

6. STAFF BRIEFINGS

1. Bryson Farmstead
2. Davis House
3. Record Keeping

1. The Bryson Farmstead update included the 60% drawings being reviewed by the Texas Historical Commission.
2. The Mason House update included two cisterns being filled in the next few weeks. Staff was meeting internally to discuss the scope of the work on April 23.
3. The record keeping of the Commission may be provided through Laserfische, the official record keeping software for the City of Leander. The Commission may provide the records on a device to provide to Staff to transfer.

**CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION**

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on March 16, 2025.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Howell

**Vote:** 6 - 0 None

**REGULAR AGENDA**

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

No action was taken. Continue the discussion during the meeting of May 21, 2025.

9. Discuss and consider action on the upcoming events for 2025.

Motion: Approve the Commission participating at the upcoming Spirits of Bagdad, Holidays at the Homestead, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. events.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Howell

**Vote:** 6 - 0 None

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

Motion: Approve the purchase of three mobile towers grid displays, two picture hook sets, a wire basket, a two-pack A-frame display, and a 1 TB drive.

By: Board Member Twing  
Seconded: Board Member Freeburg

**Vote:** 6 - 0 None

11. 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 coordination of volunteers at the Old Town Street Festival, discussion of posters to print, review of rack card samples, and oral history procedures.

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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STAFF LIAISON



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider volunteer schedule and responsibilities for Old Town Festival being held on June 7, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

**HISTORY/TIMELINE:**

**APPLICANT/AGENT:**

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**Attachments:**



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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discuss the posters to be printed for upcoming events and display options.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission previously had a display case at the City of Leander Library with 18" x 24" posters that showcased the City of Leander history. This discussion will revolve around selecting eight posters to be used on the display grids.

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**APPLICANT/AGENT:**

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**Attachments:**



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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discuss the rack cards to be printed to showcase City of Leander's history.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission discussed printing rack cards during the April meeting to include some photos and list of events.

**HISTORY/TIMELINE:**

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**Attachments:**



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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discuss the procedures for oral history.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission has participated in events where the public was invited to share their history. In addition, the Commission had previously appointed a Commission to host oral history sessions in a reserved conference room from 10 am - 12 pm every first Monday of the month.

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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discuss and consider volunteering at the ArtFest held on October 4, 2025.

**BACKGROUND:**

The City of Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission is hosting the ArtFest on October 4, 2025 and has invited the Historical Preservation Commission to facilitate and host the children's art contest.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
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**AGENDA SUBJECT:**

Discussion of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission discussed the process for historical properties within the City of Leander during the March 2025 meeting. This item will discuss the criteria and framework for a Marker Program.

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