



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, April 16, 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

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Place 6 – Christina Twing

Place 7 – Triste Freeburg

Council Liaison - Kathryn Pantalion-Parker

Staff Liaison – Karina Castillo

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.

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.]

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.

APPROVED



CHAIR

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON