



**MINUTES
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

**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**

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REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:34 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected Commissioner Howell, Commissioner Gonzalez, and Commission Freeburg absent.

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 a debrief from the meeting with the Williamson County Historical Commission on May 8, 2025 and informed the Commissioners how to apply to join their Commission.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. The public education updated include a presentation with the Williamson County Museum and upcoming presentations to the City Council regarding the history of Leander ISD.

2. The website and social media update included discussing the content to be shared throughout the year and the potential of creating an Instagram account for the Commission.
3. The special events update included the Parks Department confirming that presence is required for a booth followed by a discussion to not participate in the Juneteenth event this year but considering participation in 2026.
4. The historic locations update included the discussion to recreate photos around Old Town.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

1. Bryson Farmstead
2. Mason Homestead

1. The Bryson Farmstead update included the 60% drawings having comments issued by the Texas Historical Commission and proceeding with the 90% plans.
2. The Mason House update included the cisterns/wells being filled in by the contractor that began in April. The above-ground features will remain. A meeting was had in early May to discuss the scope of work needed. A firm will need to be selected to complete the maintenance work during the non-peak months of January and February 2026.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on April 16, 2025. Motion: Approve

By: Board Member Yelaun
Seconded: Board Member Gormaz

Vote: 4 - 0 None

REGULAR AGENDA

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

The Commission discussed the schedules and duties for the Old Town Street Festival held on June 7, 2025.

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

The Commission discussed the selection of the posters to be displayed at the Old Town Street Festival on June 7, 2025.

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

Action was delayed to the meeting of June 18, 2025.

11. Discuss the procedures for oral history.

Action was delayed to the meeting of June 18, 2025.

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

The Commission received a presentation by Sammy Panzarino, member of the LPACC, and discussed the possibility of having a booth but not hosting the contest this year. Action was delayed to the meeting of June 18, 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.]

Future agenda items include review of rack card draft, oral history procedures, volunteering at the Artfest, and the continuation of the Historical Marker program.

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

Action was delayed to the meeting of June 18, 2025.

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:42 p.m

APPROVED


CHAIR

ATTEST:


STAFF LIAISON