



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday - July 20, 2022



Place 1 – Genny Kercheville

Place 2 – Vacant

Place 3 – Kathy Howell, Vice-Chair

Place 4 – Kathryn Conrad

Place 5 – Kip Harmon, Chair

Place 6 – Christina Twing

Place 7 - Priscilla Sims

Staff Liaison – Dara Crabtree

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 5:30 p.m. A quorum was present with Commissioner Conrad and Commissioner Twing absent.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. June 15, 2022

Motion by Vice Chair Kathy Howell, Seconded by Commissioner Genny Kercheville to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 15, 2022 as corrected.

Vote: 4 - 0

3. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

1. Bryson Farmstead - discussion included Fisher-Heck developing preliminary design concepts, and speaking with a professional regarding wildflower planting.
2. Davis House
3. Historical site(s) video with White Lens

Motion by Vice Chair Kathy Howell, Seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Sims (Item 2) to recommend to Leander City Council that the following actions occur if the City moves to demolish the existing Davis House structure and construct a new building on the same site: (1) the City should preserve as many of the interior finishes of the Davis House as deemed viable for possible reuse in the new building; (2) the City should strive to incorporate as many of the existing architectural elements of the Davis House into the new building; (3) the City should preserve or relocate, in its entirety, the 14-by-16-square-foot freestanding house section, estimated to be the original standalone house constructed on the property, which is located in the eastern-most area of the site; and (4) the City should document existing conditions of the site with photos and video, as well as catalog the site's architectural elements and deconstruction with photos.

Vote: 4 - 0

Motion by Commissioner Priscilla Sims, Seconded by Commissioner Genny Kercheville (Item 3) to recommend to Leander City Council that the City contract with White Lens Productions to create one standalone video featuring the Davis House and one standalone video featuring the Bryson Farmstead so as to document the historical significance of each property.

Vote: 4 - 0

4. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

1. Monthly report and update: Vice Chair Howell reported meeting with the Old Town Committee, developers and business owners within Old Town, discussions within the meeting included: concerns with parking and infrastructure, churches and rent houses not part of the original Old Town, Evans Street, E Street, need for gas/Atmos for restaurants, signage, connectivity with train station, maintaining theme and character of Old Town, and future public meeting set for August 2nd.

5. **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Public Education - discussion included next month's Library exhibit.
2. Website & Social Media - discussion included no recent posts.
3. Special Events - discussion included participation in Juneteeth Jubilee.
4. Historic Locations - no report

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discuss and Action Items
 1. Information to be provided to Williamson County Museum - discussion included items owned by Anja Schaefer to be considered.
 2. Davis House history - further discussion included working with White Lens and developers' vision.
 3. Expand partnership with Leander Library - working with library's history book club via City staff.
 4. Shirts - discussion included no City logo allowed, shirts promoting history will be supported by City, Chair will bring samples.

7. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

This item will provide the Commissioners an opportunity to provide topics they would like placed on a future agenda for discussion.

8. Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVED:



CHAIR

ATTEST:



SR. DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY