

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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, July 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 – Carlos Gormaz**

**Place 6 – Christina Twing
Place 7 – Triste Freeburg
Council Liaison - Na'Cole Thompson
Staff Liaison – Karina Castillo**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:40 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Twing absent, and Commission Gormaz arriving at 6:42 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's report included items an update to the new agenda posting dates and additional language required on the agenda items.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Public Education - provide updates on educational sessions that occurred since the last meeting and any upcoming sessions.
2. Website and Social Media - discuss the upcoming posts on the Commission's Facebook page.
3. Special Events - debrief from the Old Town Street Festival and coordinate on any upcoming events.
4. Historic Locations - discuss recreating photos around Old Town.

1. The public education update included a presentation with the Williamson County Museum and presentations to the City Council regarding the history of Leander ISD.
2. The website and social media update included coordinating with the Communications Department on the upcoming posts and sharing some photos from the historic floods.
3. The special events update included a debrief of the Old Town Street Festival and the upcoming Holidays at the Homestead and Mason Heritage Days.
4. The historic locations update was postponed.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

1. Bryson Farmstead - updates on the status of the rehabilitation of the Bryson Farmstead.
 2. Mason Homestead - updates on maintenance of the Mason Homestead.
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1. Bryson Farmstead updates included the plans being under design for the 90% plan set. A meeting was pending to discuss the preservation of the fireplace mantel.
 2. Mason Homestead updates included the beginning to fill the cisterns/wells but pending approval of additional costs, and coordination on the contract for design.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on May 21, 2025.

Motion: Approve

By: Board Member Howell

Seconded: Board Member Freeburg

Vote: 4 - 0 None

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss the procedures for oral history.

Action was delayed to the meeting of August 20, 2025.

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

The Commission discussed costs for the markers and agreed to continue the discussions in future meetings before proceeding with presenting it to the City Council.

10. Discuss and consider volunteering at the ArtFest held on October 11, 2025.

The Commission discussed the volunteer opportunity and how it aligned with their purpose and schedules. This item will be reconsidered for the upcoming year.

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

The Commission discussed the events listed on the card and updates to the text and photos.

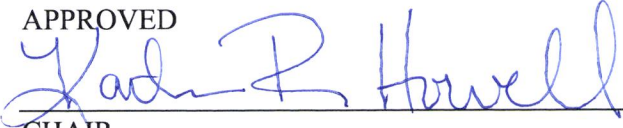
12. Future Agenda Items [Any deliberation of or decision about the subject of the inquiry shall be limited to a proposal to place the subject on the agenda for a subsequent meeting.]

Future agenda items include oral history procedures, historic marker program, and presenting the rack cards to the Communications Department.

13. Adjournment


Adjourned at 6:51 pm.

APPROVED



CHAIR

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON