

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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room  
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas  
Wednesday, August 20, 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 5:33 p.m

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected Commissioner Greiger and Commissioner Gormaz 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

The Vice Chair discussed the terms for the Chair and Vice Chair positions.

5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Public Education - updates on community engagements, presentations, and other educational opportunities.
2. Website and Social Media - discuss the upcoming posts on the Commission's Facebook page.
3. Special Events - discuss upcoming events including Holidays at the Homestead and Spirits of Bagdad.
4. Historic Locations - discuss any updates on the historic locations throughout the City.

1. The public education update included a presentation at the Brazos Trail Regional Meeting and the Leander ISD History presentation at the City Council.

2. The website and social media update included discussion on the status of the content review and bringing content for the Commission to discuss next meeting.
3. The special events update included discussion about the Commission's availability for the Spirits of Bagdad being held on 10/18/2025 and Holidays at the Homestead on 11/22/2025.
4. The historic locations update included PEC wanting to run some electric lines over the Davis Cemetery and recreating the photo of Old Town.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

1. Bryson Farmstead - updates on the status of the rehabilitation of the Bryson Farmstead.
2. Mason Homestead - updates on the maintenance of the Mason Homestead.
3. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget - status update of the current budget cycle.

1. Bryson Farmstead updates included the 90% plan set submitted for review and input pending from Commission Howell on the fireplace.
2. Mason Homestead updates included the task order being completed to begin the process on the renovations. The cisterns need additional fill material. A quote is pending in order to complete that project.
3. Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget updates included \$1,519 pending as unused funds. The purchase of a 10 x 10 tent, tent weights, and chairs to be considered at the upcoming meeting along with reprinting posters in the near future.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION</b>
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7. Approval of the minutes for the canceled meeting on June 18, 2025 and the meeting held on July 16, 2025.

Motion: Approve.

By: Commissioner Freeburg  
 Seconded: Anna Yelaun

Vote: 5 - 0 None

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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8. Discuss and consider volunteering at the Spirits of Bagdad event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

Received a presentation from Bridget Brandt from the Leander Chamber of Commerce about the upcoming Spirits of Bagdad event taking place on 10/18/2025. Discussion included volunteer opportunities, display set ups, banners, scripts, and videographer services.

9. Receive a presentation from the Communications Department regarding the City's Social Media policy.

Received a presentation from Maureen Jones from the Communications Department regarding the social media policy. Discussion included coordination of the Commission and Staff to share posts on the Facebook page.

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

The Commission discussed several variety of sample rack cards and magazines for consideration. Future agenda items may include drafting a map of the Old Town to print and share with the Chamber of Commerce for distribution.

11. Discuss the procedures for oral history.

Action was delayed to the meeting of September 17, 2025.

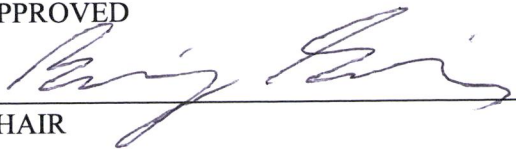
12. Discussion of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

Action was delayed to the meeting of September 17, 2025.

13. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:07 pm.

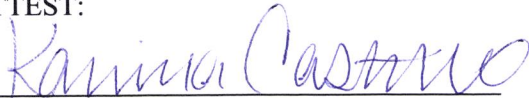
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CHAIR

ATTEST:



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STAFF LIAISON