



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, September 17, 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 -
Staff Liaison – Karina Castillo**

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:40 p.m

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all Commissioners present.

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 Chair shared the status of the FY 24/25 budget and the items that are pending to be purchased that included a tent, tent weight, chairs, rack cards, and looking into hiring Gus Bernal for his videography services at the Spirits at Bagdad event.

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 and consider participating in the Old Town Christmas Festival.
4. Historic Locations - discuss any updates on the historic locations throughout the City and the recreation of the Old Town photo.

1. The public education update included no presentations during the last month. Photos received from Bobby Bryson were shared during the meeting.
2. The website and social media update included promoting the upcoming event of Spirits at Bagdad and Holidays at the Homestead.
3. The special events update included coordinating schedules for the Spirits at Bagdad and discussing the upcoming events of Holidays at the Homestead. The Commission agreed to not participate at this year's Christmas Festival and would like to consider a Mom and Me event for Mother's Day in 2026.
4. The historic locations update included an update of the easements through the Davis cemetery no longer being needed and a presentation of the recreation of the Old Town photos by McKee media.

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.

1. Bryson Farmstead updates included the 90% plan set is being finalized to be submitted for review. Following the plans being approved, the Council will take action and begin the timeframe for when the funds in escrow are required to be spent, with a maximum of two years.
2. Mason Homestead updates included the process on the renovations being approved to begin after last month's meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

7. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on Septemeber 17, 2025.

Motion: Approve

By: Board Member Freeburg

Seconded: Board Member Howell

Vote: 7 - 0 None

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Discuss the procedures for oral history.

The Commission appointed Commissioner Greiger as the coordinator for the oral history. This item will be on the agenda for October 15, 2025 to discuss the standard process.

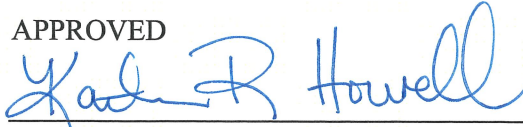
9. Discussion of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

The Commission discussed the presented guidelines. This item will be on the agenda for October 15, 2025 to discuss the cost, specifications, and qualifications along with reviewing samples.

10. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:59 pm

APPROVED



CHAIR

ATTEST:



STAFF LIAISON