



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room  
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas  
Wednesday, November 19, 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 5:41 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

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.]*

4. Election of Chair.

- a. Nomination for position of Chair.
- b. Discussion of Nominees.
- c. Election of Chair.

Item postponed to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

5. Election of Vice Chair.

- a. Nomination for position of Vice Chair.
- b. Discussion of Nominees.
- c. Election of Vice Chair.

Item postponed to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

6. Review Board and Commission Reference Book.

Presentation received by City Secretary, Dara Crabtree.



7. 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 - debrief the Spirits at Bagdad event held on October 18 and discuss the upcoming Holidays at the Homestead event to be held on November 22.
4. Historic Locations - review the photos provided by McKenzee Media that recreated the Old Town photos, discuss updates on historic locations throughout the City, and discuss the creation of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

1. The Public Education update included Commission Howell presenting at the 11/20 City Council meeting.
2. The Website and Social Media update included no posts being shared and no updated coming. The Commission discussed a new profile photo due to the low quality of the new photo that was added.
3. The Special Events update inclined a debrief of the Spirits at Bagdad event. There was an incident at the event and more discussions will be had to determine if the event will continue in 2026. Otherwise, there was good feedback on the event. The upcoming Holidays at Homestead event was featured on Community Impact. The event will be held from 10 am - 5 pm with set up at 9 am. The Commission coordinate attendance, activities, and supplies needed.
4. The Historic Locations update included discussing the images to share on the Commission's website with some text.

8. 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. FY 25/26 Budget - status of the current fiscal year budget.

1. The Brson Farmstead update included the 90% design drawings for the rehabilitation being finalized for review to be submitted in December.
2. The Mason Homestead update included the construction documents being completed and the samples being selected. The documents have been sent to continue in the solicitation process. The City's goal is to begin work in early 2026.
3. The Budget update include a discussion of considering the purchase of prizes, reprinting the posters, purchasing custom reels for events, ordering new t-shirts, and ordering a sign with a QR Code or NRC.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION</b>
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9. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on October 15, 2025.

Motion: Approve

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Freeburg



**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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10. Discuss and consider action on the Commission's sub-committees.

Motion: Postpone the item to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Gonzalez

**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

11. Discuss and consider action on creating procedures for oral history.

Motion: Postpone the item to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Gonzalez

**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

12. Discussion of the volunteer process for events with the Historical Preservation Commission.

Motion: Postpone the item to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Gonzalez

**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

13. Discuss and consider action on the schedule of events for 2026.

Motion: Postpone the item to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

By: Board Member Freeburg

Seconded: Board Member Twing

**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

14. Discuss and consider action on topics to submit for the Central Texas Learning Festival held in March 2026.

Motion: Postpone the item to the January 21, 2026 meeting.

By: Board Member Freeburg

Seconded: Board Member Twing

**Vote: 4 - 0 None**

15. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:49 p.m.



APPROVED



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CHAIR

ATTEST:



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STAFF LIAISON

