



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM

Place 1 - Vacant

Place 2 – Anna Yelaun

Place 3 – Kathy Howell

Place 4 – Esmeralda Gonzalez

Place 5 - Carlos Gormaz

Place 6 – Vacant

Place 7 – Triste Freeburg

Council Liaison - Na'Cole Thompson

Staff Liaison – Karina Castillo

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.
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. 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 participation at the upcoming Old Town Street Festival and Juneteenth Block Party.
4. Historic Locations - discuss updates on the creation of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

5. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of the minutes for meetings held on February 18, 2026 and March 18, 2026.

7. Discuss and consider action on acceptance of past meeting minutes held on October 15, 2025.

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Adjournment

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Karina Castillo, Planning Manager



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/15/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes for meetings held on February 18, 2026 and March 18, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

Attached are the minutes for the meetings held on February 18, 2026 and March 18, 2026.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Attachments:

1. 02.18.2026 HPC Draft Minutes
2. 03.18.2026 HPC Draft Minutes



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM

**Place 1 - Vacant
Place 2 – Anna Yelaun
Place 3 – Kathy Howell
Place 4 – Esmeralda Gonzalez
Place 5 - Carlos Gormaz**

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

REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:39 p.m

2. Roll Call.

All Commissioners present except Board Member Yelaun.

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. 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 participation at the upcoming Mason Heritage Day event being held on March 7, 2026 and the Central Texas Learning Festival being held on March 11, 2026 through March 15, 2026.
4. Historic Locations - discuss updates on the creation of a marker program for historical properties within the City of Leander limits.

1. Public Education update included no presentation in the past month before the City Council, presentation at the Mason Heritage Day event on March 7, the Round Mountain School marker dedication event on April 4, and the Nameless School reunion on April 18.
2. Website and Social Media update included sharing the then and now photo of Old Town and comments on sharing the dinosaur tracks. Upcoming posts to consider Black History and Women's History months.
3. Special Events update included coordination for the Mason Heritage Day event on March 7 regarding the needs of the Commission and volunteers.
4. Historic Locations update included further coordination with Board Member Howell and former Board Member Greiger on the marker program; other updates included pushing for the cemeteries to receive designation with the County and have a marker.

5. 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.
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1. The Bryson Farmstead update included the 90% design drawings for the rehabilitation being ready to submit for permit and coordinate with PEC to restore the power services to the site and the house.
 2. The Mason Homestead update included Parks and Recreation Department working with the Purchasing Department to formulate the bid/solicitation package. The goal is to have that completed in the next couple of months.
 3. The Budget update included the consideration of interactive activities for events.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on January 21, 2026.

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Board Member Gonzalez

Seconded: Board Member Gormaz

Vote: 4 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Consider and take action on purchases for upcoming events including musicians for the Mason Heritage Day event held on March 7, 2026 and photo reels.

Motion: Approve the payment for musicians at the Mason Heritage Day event for up to \$600, the printing of posters for the Mason Heritage Day event, and purchasing mounting gear for the posters.

By: Board Member Howell

Seconded: Board Member Gonzalez

Vote: 4 - 0

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, March 18, 2026 Regular
Meeting at 5:30 PM

Place 1 - Vacant	Place 6 - Vacant
Place 2 - Anna Yelaun	Place 7 - Triste Freeburg
Place 3 - Kathy Howell	Council Liaison - Na'Cole Thompson
Place 4 - Esmeralda Gonzalez	Staff Liaison - Karina Castillo
Place 5 - Carlos Gormaz	

Meeting canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
4/15/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider action on acceptance of past meeting minutes held on October 15, 2025.

BACKGROUND:

During a review of records, staff determined the previously approved minutes were approved but missing signatures. Attached are the minutes for the October 15, 2025 for the commissioners to accept.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Attachments:

1. 10.15.2025 HPC Draft Minutes



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



Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, October 15, 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 - REVISED

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:37 p.m.

2. Roll Call.

Roll call reflected all Commissioners present except for Commissioner Geiger and Commissioner Gormaz.

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. 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 - recognize McKee media for their help in recreating the Old Town photos and discuss any updates on the historic locations throughout the City.

1. The public education update included photos from the Bobby Bryson collection that will be presented to the City Council along with an update on the Spirits at Bagdad event and the upcoming presentation of the Holidays at the Homestead event.

2. The Website and Social Media update included discussion of photos available to the Commission to share on Facebook and sharing a post on Facebook regarding the upcoming presentation at the City Council.
3. The Special Events update discussed the set up for the Spirits at Bagdad event and Holidays at the Homestead.
4. The Historic Locations update included sharing the recreated Old Town photos on Facebook and adding them to the Council presentation.

5. 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. FY25/26 Budget - status of the current budget.

1. The Bryson Farmstead update included the 90% drawings of the repairs and refurbishment pending.
2. The Mason Homestead updates included construction documents being 95% completed for the site renovations. An on-site meeting was scheduled to finalize the documents and move into the bid solicitation process. The timeline estimates the bid being finalized at the end of the year and work beginning in 2026. The revised cost estimate for the remaining fill material for the wells/cisterns has been received and is being reviewed for approval.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

6. Approval of the minutes for meeting held on September 17, 2025

Motion: Approve the consent agenda.

By: Board Member Gonzalez

Seconded: Board Member Freeburg

Vote: 5 - 0

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Review and consider the approval of a contract with Gus Bernal: Film + Photo + Education for the videography services of the Spirits at Bagdad event held on October 18, 2025 not to exceed \$1,737.41.

Motion: Deny and reconsider next year in partnership with the Leander Chamber of Commerce.

By: Board Member Twing

Seconded: Board Member Yelaun

Vote: 5 - 0

8. Discuss and consider volunteer schedule and responsibilities for Spirits at Bagdad being held on October 18, 2025.

The Commission discussed the volunteer schedule, meet up times, set up, and duties for the Spirits at Bagdad event being held on October 18, 2025.

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

The Commission discussed establishing a sub-committee for specific events that they will need volunteers with and placing an item on the agenda for November 19, 2025 to discuss the needs and processes for volunteers.

10. Discussion of the procedures for oral history.

Item delayed to the November 19, 2025 meeting due to Commission Geiger, who taking the lead on this item, not being present.

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

Item delayed to the November 19, 2025 meeting due to Commission Geiger, who taking the lead on this item, not being present.

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

The Commission discussed participating in the event with a focus on high school students and educators whether in a lecture set up or interactive activities and considered the topic of cemeteries.

13. 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:

1. Schedule of events for 2026; and
2. Establishing the Commission's sub-committees.

14. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:45 pm

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON