



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
Wednesday, August 19, 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 and updates to the Website.
3. Special Events - discuss and coordinate participation at upcoming events.
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 April 15, 2026, May 20, 2026, June 17, 2026, and July 15, 2026.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. Discuss and consider making a recommendation of possible sites for the current three (3) historical markers located at 211 S. US 183 to be relocated.
8. Discuss and provide an update on recent City Council action on combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission into one (1) board under the heading of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board.
9. Adjournment

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Karina Castillo, Planning Manager



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
8/19/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Approval of the minutes for meetings held on April 15, 2026, May 20, 2026, June 17, 2026, and July 15, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Attachments:

1. 04.15.2026 HPC Draft Minutes
2. 05.20.2026 HPC Draft Minutes
3. 06.17.2026 HPC Draft Minutes
4. 07.15.2026 HPC Draft Minutes



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
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Wednesday, April 15, 2026
Regular Meeting at 5:30 PM



**Place 1 - Vacant
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REGULAR MEETING

1. Open Meeting.

Opened meeting at 5:38 p.m

2. Roll Call.

All Commissioners present except Board Member Howell.

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.

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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 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.

1. Public Education did not have an update this month.
2. Website and Social Media update include an upcoming Facebook post with the drone photos and sharing the Old Town Street Festival video prior to this year's festival. Updates to the

website were discussed to include items such as historic events, historic people, housing the oral history, and sharing videos and photos.

3. Special Events update included the Commissioners' availability for upcoming events. Further coordination will be discussed next month.
4. Historic Locations update included reviewing a proposed ordinance for the Historic Marker program and gathering feedback on items that will need to be included before presenting to the City Council for approval.

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 plans being approved by the Texas Historic Commission. The plans have now been submitted for approval by the City for the rehabilitation of the building and related improvements.
 2. The Mason Homestead update included Parks and Recreation Department working with the Purchasing Department to proceed with the Request for Proposal for the maintenance work.
 3. The Budget update included the consideration of ordering polos and purchasing cups with the Historic Preservation Commission logo, 100 additional trains, and the necessary materials to give items as giveaways and prizes at the upcoming events.

CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION

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

By: Board Member Gonzalez

Seconded: Board Member Yelaun

Vote: 4 - 0 None

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

Motion to accept the minutes for the meeting held on October 15, 2025.

By: Board Member Freeburg

Seconded: Board Member Gormaz

Vote: 4 - 0 None

REGULAR AGENDA

8. Adjournment

Adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



**MINUTES
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION
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Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room
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Place 7 - Triste Freeburg

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Meeting canceled due to a lack of a quorum.

APPROVED

CHAIR

ATTEST:

STAFF LIAISON



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Meeting at 5:30 PM



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Place 4 - Esmeralda Gonzalez

Place 5 - Carlos Gormaz

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Place 7 - Triste Freeburg

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ATTEST:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
8/19/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and consider making a recommendation of possible sites for the current three (3) historical markers located at 211 S. US 183 to be relocated.

BACKGROUND:

The Texas Historical Commission has received a request to move three (3) historical markers that are located at 211 S. US 183, near the Leander Child Center. The markers include:

- Leander
- Leanderthal Lady
- Webster Massacre

The Commission may make a recommendation to the City Manager on where they would like the markers to be relocated that is owned by the City.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Karina Castillo, AICP

Attachments:

1. CCF 002609

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

REQUEST TO RELOCATE AN
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Marker Title: Leander

County: Williamson

Current location (including nearest city): Leander, 211 South Hwy 183, Leander TX 78641

Proposed location: Downtown Leander near intersection of West South St. and N. Brushy St. or near Metro Station

Reason for requesting relocation: _____
Complicates my ability to sell property behind markers, people use my parking lot to look at it.

Who will be responsible for the relocation? (THC cannot assume liability for damages or injuries.)

Name: Williamson City Historical Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Approval of county historical commission:

County chair or marker chair (name): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Permission of property owner at proposed new location:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Please send this form along with the following to markers@thc.texas.gov:

1. A current photograph of the proposed marker location.
2. A city or county map denoting the current and proposed locations.
3. A current photograph of marker.

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REQUEST TO RELOCATE AN
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Marker Title: Leanderthal Lady

County: Willamson CTY

Current location (including nearest city): 211 S. HWY 183, Leander TX 78641

Proposed location: Downtown Leander near intersection of W. South St and N. Brushy St.
or near Metro Station

Reason for requesting relocation: _____
Complicates my ability to sell land behind markers and people use my party lot.

Who will be responsible for the relocation? (THC cannot assume liability for damages or injuries.)

Name: Willamson CTY Historical Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Approval of county historical commission:

County chair or marker chair (name): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Permission of property owner at proposed new location:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

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REQUEST TO RELOCATE AN
OFFICIAL TEXAS HISTORICAL MARKER

Marker Title: Webster Massacre

County: Williamson

Current location (including nearest city): 211 South Hwy 183 Leander TX 78641

Proposed location: Downtown Leander near intersection of W. Southwest and N. Brushy
or metro station

Reason for requesting relocation: _____

Who will be responsible for the relocation? (THC cannot assume liability for damages or injuries.)

Name: Williamson City Historical Signature: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Approval of county historical commission:

County chair or marker chair (name): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

Permission of property owner at proposed new location:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
8/19/2026

AGENDA SUBJECT:

Discuss and provide an update on recent City Council action on combining the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Public Arts and Culture Commission, and Historic Preservation Commission into one (1) board under the heading of the Parks, Recreation, and Arts Advisory Board.

BACKGROUND:

During the City Council meeting held on July 16, 2026, the City Council approved the consolidation of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, the Leander Public Arts and Culture Commission, and the Historical Preservation Commission into a single advisory body. These entities currently function independently. The consolidation will occur through an ordinance that is expected to be placed on the August 20, 2026, City Council meeting agenda. Appointments to the newly formed board are scheduled for the second Council meeting in October, with terms commencing on November 1, 2026. The restructured board will be organized under the purview of the Parks and Recreation Department.

HISTORY/TIMELINE:

APPLICANT/AGENT:

PRESENTER:

Attachments: