



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

Pat Bryson Municipal Hall
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas
January 19, 2022



**Place 1 – Genny Kercheville
Place 2 – Gilbert Rodriguez
Place 3 – Kathy Howell, Chair
Place 4 – Kathryn Conrad**

**Place 5 – Kip Harmon
Place 6 – Christina Twing, Vice-Chair
Place 7 - Priscilla Sims
Staff Liaison – Dara Crabtree**

1. Call to Order at 5:38 p.m. All Commissioners were present with the exception of Commissioner Sims.
2. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair.

Motion by Vice-Chair Christina Twing, Seconded by Chair Kathy Howell to appoint Kip Harmon as Chair.

Vote: 6 - 0

Motion by Vice-Chair Christina Twing, Seconded by Commissioner Kathryn Conrad to appoint Kat Howell as Vice-Chair.

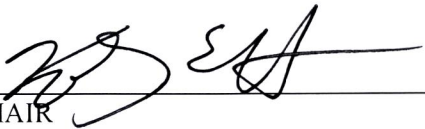
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3. Discuss the Bryson Farmstead Preservation Plan prepared by Fisher-Heck. Discussion included: concerns with report; developing list of questions for Fisher-Heck; timeline; preservation philosophy; source list; testing; inconsistencies with structure names; and scope of project. Following the discussion, the Commissioner's agreed the following questions and concerns would be submitted in addition to the concerns Williamson County Historic Commission expressed to Fisher-Heck representatives to discuss at their February meeting.
 1. Williamson County Historic Commission questions and concerns previously sent to Fisher-Heck.
 2. Are footnotes being added to the final report?
 3. Inconsistencies in philosophies from beginning to end (i.e. references to coop then barn). Will this be cleaned up?
 4. Request source list.
 5. Reference of the wagon trail being historical only the loop is historical, the remainder is not a wagon trail.
 6. Who did you speak with to obtain history for this site? Did you speak to Bobby Bryson or others? If not, why?
 7. Voices of many people; obvious many people worked on the report; edit to one voice.
 8. How were the sites selected where the archeologist testing done?
 9. Attic is missing...need to know the condition. Can use the closet with vent (page 40) to access the attic.
 10. Fireplace – closed off later?

11. Porch addition – replaced previous porch.
12. Was testing done for termites and/or asbestos?
13. Anyone currently doing maintenance on the buildings?
14. Time inconsistencies in corn crib and barn.
15. What is focus time period? Corrugated tin roofing in 1900s.
16. Garage – not part of properties or scope and non-historic needs to be removed from the report.
17. What is goal of landscaping reference?
18. Concerns with cedar shank roofing.
19. What is goal? Overall goal not consistent.
20. Why only 9 shovel tests over the 6 acres? Archeology testing should be done around house, windows, door, well and outhouse.
21. Metal detector hits by barn but not dug up – what are the next plans for that?
22. Inconsistencies of archeological history from first portion of report to the end of the report.
23. How much time spent on research and developing report?
24. References using are not reliable references: Shin Oak Ridge; Handbook on Texas
25. Why using secondary sources versus primary sources?
26. Windmills need further review.
27. Where did you the historic wagon trails come from?
28. How much of an archeological study was allocated for the project? Can more testing be done?
29. Not thorough enough details to discuss accuracy.
30. What is focus (i.e. 10, 20 or 30 years); When built 1970-1930; How evolved?
31. What is Phase 2? Does Phase 1 prepare for Phase 2?

4. Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

APPROVED:


CHAIR

ATTEST:


CITY SECRETARY