



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

Development Services - San Gabriel Conference Room  
201 North Brushy Street - Leander, Texas  
January 18, 2023



**Place 1 – Genny Kercheville  
Place 2 – Stephen Cook  
Place 3 – Kathy Howell  
Place 4 – Kathryn Conrad**

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

1. Opened meeting at 5:30 p.m. Roll Call reflected all present with Commissioner Howell arriving at 5:37 p.m.
2. Public Comments on items listed in the agenda. No one spoke.

**CONSENT AGENDA: ACTION**

Motion by Vice-Chair Kip Harmon, Seconded by Commissioner Priscilla Sims to approve the consent agenda.

**Vote: 6 - 0**

3. Approval of minutes for meeting held on November 16, 2022.

**REPORTS AND BRIEFINGS**

**4. CHAIR'S REPORT**

1. Monthly report and update included MLK event was successful; attendees appreciated presence by Historic Preservation Commission; and it was good to see the student participation in the event.

**5. SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Public Education included Leander ISD approval of museum in the foyer of administration building; seeking funding options; desiring museum opening timeline to coincide with 125th anniversary of Leander schools; current quarterly library display features Cotton, Chair Twing will be responsible for 2nd quarter display, Commissioner Kercheville for the 3rd quarter, Commissioner Conrad 4th quarter, and Commissioner Sims the 1st quarter of 2024; and Commissioner Howell scheduled to speak at Wildfire and Rotary Club in February as well as City Council 2nd meeting in January.
2. Website & Social Media included currently approximately 1700 followers; and Red-White store posting during Christmas was popular.

3. Special Events included attendance in Old Town Christmas Festival Parade.
4. Historic Locations included historic designation for Round Mountain school; Travis County Commissioner Howard's interest in Round Mountain and Nameless one room schools; and current items on display in Bob Bullock Museum borrowed from Nameless School.

6. **STAFF BRIEFINGS**

1. Bryson Farmstead included: Parks and Recreation boarded up the house this past November to protect it against the elements and squatters; and staff hopes to present a conceptual plan soon to City Council.
2. Davis House included: the City Council will be discussing the Davis House lease agreement in executive session at their January 19 meeting.

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**REGULAR AGENDA**

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7. Discuss and consider recommendation on collecting family histories.

Motion by Chair Christina Twing, Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Howell to approve collecting family histories and appoint Commissioner Kercheville as Chair of this project.

**Vote:** 7 - 0

8. Discuss and consider action on events the Historic Preservation Commission will be participating in for 2023.

Motion by Commissioner Priscilla Sims, Seconded by Commissioner Kathy Howell to participate in the proposed Indigenous Cultures event in some manner; Mason Heritage Days with same program and participation level; Old Town Street festival with a booth; Harvest Festival with a booth and Old Town Christmas Festival in the parade only.

**Vote:** 7 - 0

9. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

*This item will provide the Commissioners an opportunity to provide topics they would like placed on a future agenda for discussion.*

- Discuss including Leander history in welcome packets
- Discuss purchasing oral history backpacks
- Discuss Community Engagement Manager Matthews assisting in designing a sticker
- Discuss history murals

10. Adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
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CHAIR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Dana Gardner", is written over a horizontal line.

CITY SECRETARY