



HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee - Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2025 - 4:15 PM
Final

Development Services Conference Room
1200 E. Broad St., Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Leach called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room of City Hall, 1200 East Broad Street, with the meeting being open to the public and notice of said meeting, giving the date, place, and subject thereof, having been posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code.

Staff Present:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer

Jessica Baber, Museum Manager

Amanda Brown, Museum Education and Engagement Specialist

Mansfield Youth Council:

Jada McClure

Preservation Volunteers:

Amanda Kowalski

Carolyn Wright

Commissioners:

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker

Absent: None

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion regarding preservation activities, educational events, outreach events and other programs for 2025-2026, events for Historic Preservation Month 2026, educational videos for the Mansfield Independent School District, and the Decades Day festival for 2027.

The sub-committee discussed the following items:

- *Ms. Brown received contact information for teachers of classes that could assist with the history video for the school district. Ms. McClure will work with Ms. Brown on a script for the video and determine what can be done by the sub-committee and volunteers.*
- *Mr. Wright reported that the city is interested in programs celebrating America 250 in 2026, and that the Historic Preservation Month events would support the America 250 theme. The sub-committee discussed the proposed events for Preservation Month, including:*
 - *The Historic Downtown Mansfield Car Show is scheduled for May 9, 2026, from*

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The sub-committee discussed an Americana theme and holding a mustache contest.

- Chalk the Walk on Historic Main Street is scheduled for May 2, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., before Music Alley begins. The event will be held on the sidewalks of Main Street and West Broad Street.*
- The Mansfield History Hunters Scavenger Hunt will be held on April 25, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*
- The "This Place Matters, 31 Days of May" campaign will be held each day of May 2026.*
- In addition to the Preservation Month events, the sub-committee discussed creating a "Letters to 2076" time capsule with submissions from residents to be placed at a city facility and opened in 2076, and a photo contest where participants recreate historic photographs from the museum collection.*
- Mr. Wright presented a Music Alley budget to give the sub-committee an estimate of the anticipated costs for the 2027 Decade Days festival.*

The next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2025, at 4:15 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer