



**HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee - Meeting Minutes**  
**December 17, 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 4:20 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*

*Preservation Volunteer:*

*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:*

- The history video for the school district may need to be produced using city resources and student actors. The videos could accompany the history trunks being prepared by the museum staff.*
- Planning for the Decade Days festival in 2027 began. A schedule of events and entertainers is needed to prepare a budget. The festival may include a World War II reenactors' camp, Victory gardens with the help of the Garden Club, 1940s movies at the Farr Best Theater, a dance band, a stage production of a radio show, a costume contest, and a paper airplane contest.*
- Mr. Wright reported that the sub-committee would be responsible for the "Letters to 2076" time capsule and presented a project description and schedule. The sub-committee discussed requesting space at the library for a table to allow people to write*

*letters for the capsule and promoting the program at city events.*

- *The Historic Photo Re-Creation Contest, where residents re-create photographs from the museum's collection, will be promoted during Historic Preservation Month in May and run through August 2026.*
- *An America 250 theme was discussed for the Mansfield History Hunters Scavenger Hunt. The hunt may feature stations based on America's history, not just Mansfield's history.*
- *The Chalk the Walk on Historic Main Street event would have a special America 250 theme, "From Sea to Shining Sea." Artwork should feature scenes celebrating America's landscapes, people, and cultures.*
- *In addition to the regular prizes, the Historic Downtown Mansfield Car Show will include special awards for the best Americana displays. A mustache contest will also be part of the event.*
- *Mr. Wright proposed creating a portable history exhibit featuring retractable banners that highlight the different eras of Mansfield's history. The exhibit could be displayed in public buildings, schools, and at community events. Ms. Baber noted that the museum could fund and manage the project.*

*The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.*

### **3. ADJOURN**

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

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Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

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Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer