



HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee - Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2026 - 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 Development Services 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

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, America 250 events, educational videos for the Mansfield Independent School District, and the Decade Days festival for 2027.

The sub-committee discussed the following items:

- The script for the history video for the school district has not yet been started.*
- Staff is preparing a budget for the Decade Days festival in 2027, but the entertainer fees have yet to be determined. The preliminary budget is anticipated to be complete by June 2026.*
- Promotion of the Letters to 2076 Time Capsule program needs to begin in February, with October 31, 2026, as the deadline for submitting letters.*
- The Historic Landmark Commission will have a booth at the Arts Week Kids Day on March 16, 2026, and the downtown Easter event in April.*
- The Historic Photo Re-Creation Contest will be promoted during Historic Preservation Month in May and run July through August 2026, with awards presented at the Founders' Day Festival on October 3, 2026. Participants may visit a historic location to take a photograph or recreate the location.*

- *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." The event will be held on Main Street from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. just before Music Alley.*
- *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. The sub-committee discussed artists who could design and make the awards.*

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 4:15 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer