



Historic Preservation Advisory Board - Regular Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM
Approved

Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center
102 N. Main St., Mansfield, TX 76063

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Marty Thomas at 6:03 pm.

Board members present:

Marty Thomas, Chris Ohan, Linda Leddy, Tom Leach, Eric Walraven, and Annette Hamill

City staff present:

Museum Manager, Jessica Baber and Museum Education and Engagement Specialist, Amanda Brown

2. APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 26 MEETING

Linda made a motion to approve the June minutes. Marty seconded the motion and all voted in favor to approve the minutes as written.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. PROJECT UPDATES

a. Upcoming Programs b. Demonstration Cabin

Upcoming programs:

Aug 2 - Back to School Bash at the PAC 7:30 am - 12:00 pm. Linda volunteered to help.

Aug 16 - Hands on History making bee hotels 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Sept 20 - Hands on History making sunflower mason jars 1:00 pm at the Man House

Sept 22 - Man House cleaning day at 8:30

Oct 4 - Founders' Day

Oct 17 and 18 - Paranormal Investigations at the Man House 9:00 - 12:00 pm

Oct 25 - Halloween at the House will be a Victorian Halloween picnic from 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Man House kitchen:

City Council has decided not to move the cabin to the Man House. The money set aside for the project will be used to build a kitchen for the Museum. The cabin will be disassembled and stored so that the logs can be used for other projects at the Man House.

Founders' Day:

October 4th - Planning is going well and advertising will begin soon. Volunteers are needed.

HLC Preservation Plan:

The plan was adopted by City Council

5. AMERICA 250 DISCUSSION

The board discussed a potential exhibit about Mansfield citizens with Revolutionary ancestors. Information needs to be collected by or before July 2026. Another idea was an exhibit or program highlighting how we preserve history.

6. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom announced that a committee is forming to create a monument to the desegregation incident that happened at Mansfield High School. The group will consist of Tom, Jessica, two members of the Historical Society, and a few delegates from Bethlehem Baptist. Chris volunteered to represent the Historical Society.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

_____ Marty Thomas, Chair

ATTEST:

_____ Jessica Baber, Museum Manager