



HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee - Meeting Minutes
June 16, 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

Jessica Baber, Museum Manager

Amanda Brown, Museum Education and Engagement Specialist

Preservation Volunteers:

Amanda Kowalski

Carolyn Wright

Commissioners:

Present: Jennifer Johnston, Thomas Leach, Mark Walker

Absent: None

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Discussion on the following items: A) Educational videos for the Mansfield Independent School District; B) Historic Preservation Month events; C) America 250 events; D) Decade Days festival in 2027; E) Preservation activities, educational events, outreach events and programs for 2026.

The sub-committee discussed the following items:

A. Ms. Kowalski reported that Joe Carpenter, Oral Historian and Multimedia Coordinator at the University of Texas at Arlington, was able to assist with the MISD history video. Ms. Kowalski and Ms. Brown will work with Mr. Carpenter on the project.

B. Mr. Wright reported on the Historic Preservation Month events and noted that attendance was lower than last year. The sub-committee discussed changes to the events, including holding them at different times of the year in locations other than Main Street such as the Man House Museum and Geyer Commons.

C. Mr. Wright reported on the status of the America 250 events, Letters to 2076 and the Historic Photo Re-Creation Contest.

D. Mr. Wright reported that a request for additional special event funds was submitted for the 2026-2027 budget to cover the costs of the Decade Days event scheduled for September 2027.

E. The next event is the Museum Escapes! escape room at the Wallace-Hall Art House on September 4 and 5, 2026.

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

3. ADJOURN

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer