



CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

HLC - Preservation Education Sub-Committee

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

4:15 PM

City Hall Planning Conference Room

1. CALL 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

Preservation Volunteer:

Amanda Kowalski

Commissioners:

Absent 1 - Jennifer Johnston

Present 2 - Thomas Leach and Mark Walker

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Sub-Committee met with Emily Jackson, Social Studies Instructional Coach for the Mansfield Independent School District (MISD) and Jennifer Kurecka, Director of the MISD Mansfield Education Foundation to discuss producing history videos for the district's social studies classes. Ms. Jackson and Ms. Kurecka provided advice on video production, including:

- Each video should provide three focus points.*
- The videos should not exceed five minutes in length.*
- Adding animation to the videos is an advantage. Animations can be made by the students.*
- Depending on the class grade, the students are taught about community and Texas history.*
- Video topics might include Native American heritage in the area, the railroad, Mansfield in the Civil War and Reconstruction, Opal Lee, Brenda Norwood, technology advances in Mansfield, and African American founders.*

Ms. Jackson and Ms. Kurecka recommended using students as much as possible. The Sub-Committee discussed other possible video projects, including a video on the history of Mansfield for new MISD teachers to view, and video shorts that could be posted on social media. Ms. Jackson agreed to meet with Chairman Leach and Amanda Brown to develop an outline for the first video.

The Sub-Committee discussed the 2025 Preservation Month program. Mr. Wright reported that the Mansfield Police Department had recommended relocating the car show to Walnut Street and the adjacent parking lot. The "This Place Matters, 31 Day of May" program was also discussed, along with the need for replacement signs associated with the program.

3. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.

Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer