



CITY OF MANSFIELD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

HLC - Preservation Month Sub-Committee

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

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 and Zoning 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

Bernadette McCranie, Director of Communications and Outreach

Jessica Baber, Museum Manager

Amanda Brown, Museum Education and Engagement Specialist

Volunteers Present:

None

Commissioners:

Present 3 - Thomas Leach; Mark Walker and Jennifer Johnston

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Sub-Committee discussed items related to events for Historic Preservation Month 2024, including:

1) The tentative date to hold the Historic Downtown Mansfield Car Show is May 4, 2024. The Sub-Committee discussed closing Main Street from Oak Street to Broad Street for the event location. A special event permit will be necessary to close the street and it was recommended to submit the application in January 2024. Ms. McCranie recommended that the Sub-Committee contact the list of Veteran's Day parade participants, as many of them had classic cars.

2) The Sub-Committee discussed an opportunity from the Texas Historical Commission to host an "Imagine the Possibilities" tour with the Mansfield Economic Development Corporation staff in conjunction with one of the Preservation Month events in May 2024.

3) It may be necessary to request a Community Activation Grant to cover shortfalls in the Preservation Month event budget.

4) The Sub-Committee discussed developing special projects with the help of the Department of Communications and Outreach. Ms. McCranie recommended contacting Heather Carson at MISD for help arranging video production work with students.

5) *The tentative date for the Chalk-the-Walk contest and History Hunters Scavenger Hunt is May 11, 2024. Both events will be held on the same day.*

6) *The Historic Guided Tours would continue with the Crime, Mansfield History and the Cemetery tours. The Sub-Committee discussed inviting the descendants of persons interred in the cemetery district to talk about their families. The Lost History tour will be discontinued but may be the subject of a special display at the Museum.*

7) *The Sub-Committee discussed the History How-To sessions and lack of attendance in the previous years. The Sub-Committee talked about discontinuing these sessions or redesigning them. A suggestion was made that a class could be held, such as a session on furniture restoration.*

8) *The Sub-Committee discussed ways of improving the Historic Recognition Day event. These included selecting a theme for Preservation Month, such as education history in Mansfield, and asking the school district to become a partner. As part of the theme, the Historic Recognition event could be held at a school facility like the Old Rock Gym. The tentative date for the event is May 16, 2024, but Chairman Leach will verify if the proposed entertainers are available that day.*

9) *Regular tours of the Man House Museum will be available during business hours.*

10) *The Sub-Committee discussed promoting the Historic Poster Contest.*

11) *A new list of historic locations will be compiled for the This Place Matters campaign in May 2024.*

The next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2023, at 4:15 p.m. in the Planning Department Conference Room.

3. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

With no further business, Chairman Leach adjourned the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Thomas Leach, Chair

ATTEST:

Art Wright, Historic Preservation Officer