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HLC#22-008: Discussion and Possible Action on the Vision and Annual Preservation Goals for 2022-2023

This discussion on the Commission’s vision and annual goals for 2022-2023 is continued from the last meeting. On July 13, 2021, the Commission approved a vision and preservation goals for the fiscal year from October 1, 2021, to September 30, 2022. The goals included items the Commission would like to accomplish during the year.

The 2021/22 adopted vision and annual preservation goals were as follows:

- Vision: “The Historic Landmark Commission exists to preserve the past and educate the public on the uniqueness of Mansfield.”
- Goals:
  - 1) *Identify and prioritize Mansfield's historic resources.*
    - a) Work with the Tarrant County Historic Preservation Commission on updating the Historic Resources Survey as part of a county-wide effort.
    - b) Expand on the windshield surveys taken by the Volunteer Program and HPAB.
    - c) Request funding from Council for a formal Downtown Historic Resource Survey in conjunction with a CLG grant.
    - d) Integrate survey information into the City’s Geographic Information System (GIS).
  - 2) *Develop incentives for historic preservation in conjunction with the City Council.*
    - a) Formulate a proposal for incentives such as tax abatements, low-interest loans, and

grants to promote the restoration, rehabilitation and reuse of historic resources and discourage the demolition of these resources.

- b) Request a joint work session with the Downtown Revitalization Subcommittee and City Council to discuss the historic preservation program.
- 3) *Promote the work of the Historic Landmark Commission.*
- a) Produce an annual report of the Commission's activities to educate the public on the Commission's role and the need for historic preservation.
  - b) Keep other City departments and boards abreast of the Commission's policies and actions so they may act in a mutually supportive fashion.
  - c) Seek recognition for the City's preservation efforts through programs such as Preserve America.
- 4) *Increase the Commission's public engagement programs.*
- a) Promote events to celebrate Historic Preservation Month.
  - b) Inform owners of historic properties of the benefits and incentives for becoming a designated historic landmark.
  - c) Work with the Museum on educational programs for adults and youth to connect them with Mansfield's history.
  - d) Support a heritage tourism program for Mansfield.

Staff would like to discuss recommendations for goals for the upcoming year at the meeting. The next fiscal year begins October 1, 2022 and ends September 30, 2023. The vision and goals may be adopted by a formal vote of the Commission at a subsequent meeting.