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Historic Preservation Officer's Report for August 2021

The purpose of this report is to provide the Commission with information on preservation topics that were discussed at or have arisen since the last HPO report.

A. HLC#21-007: Annual Preservation Goals for 2021-2022

The following are the Commission's Vision and Annual Preservation Goals for 2021-2022, as reviewed at the July 13, 2021 meeting.

- 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.

B. Dates to Remember

1. National Alliance of Preservation Commissioners CAMP training

Registration is open for the NAPC CAMP training on August 26 and 27. Please let staff know if you will be attending the training and we will register for you. The agenda with course descriptions and biographies of the presenters is attached.

Mansfield has invited preservation commissioners and staff from the 77 Certified Local Governments in Texas.

2. Founders' Day Festival

Mansfield's First Founders' Day Festival will be held on Saturday, August 28, 2021, from 10am to 4pm. The free event will feature historical artisans demonstrating their skills, such as blacksmiths, potters, weavers, cooks, musicians and more.

There will be limited parking at the Man House Museum, but shuttle service from the downtown parking lots will be provided.

Attachments

CAMP Agenda

Founders' Day Flyer