

MEETING MINUTES
TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION (TCHC) WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026, AT THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF TRAVIS COUNTY BOARD ROOM, 502 EAST HIGHLAND MALL BLVD., AUSTIN, TEXAS.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

1. CALL TO ORDER - Having determined that a quorum was present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 11:31 AM
2. DETERMINATION OF QUORUM - See #1
3. CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS - Kim McKnight, City of Austin Division Manager for the Historic Preservation Office, introduced Sophia Wagner, a planner in that office. Ms. Wagner described the the East Austin Historical Survey and its mechanisms for collecting historical information about the cultural importance of the neighborhoods under review. Ms. Wagner said that the City of Austin plans to complete the project in 2028.
4. CALL, RECEIVE INFORMATION AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS (see below)

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Terri Myers, Matthew Medina, Sophia Wagner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: No corrections were suggested.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Spring 2026 Marker Submission Approvals - Six applications were processed during the eligibility period ending May 15 and sent to the State of Texas for final decisions: Cambridge Tower, John Philip Sousa, Guy Clark, John & Mary Rabb, Silvia Hector Webber, and St. Mary's Cemetery
2. Nameless Cemetery Marker payment question - it was determined that no vote was necessary on this item
3. Freedom Colony Workshop - no vote necessary
4. Flachmeier & Owens accounts - Oak Springs approved

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR:

1. The Chair recognized Rosemary Morrow and Terri Mirka for an update on the rural schools activities and the Sept. 26 Cox Springs marker dedication ceremony. Ceremonies are being planned for the Round Mountain and Nameless markers
2. The Chair recognized Gilbert Rivera for a Mexican American History update - Palm School Steering Committee/Community Meetings in June and August are scheduled. The membership was briefed on the San Jose cemetery and the Montopolis undertold marker
3. The African American history update was postponed until the next meeting

4. The Chair recognized Bruce Elfant for a update on Jewish History in Travis County. A website, scanned documents, and other interested parties were featured in his report
5. The Chair reported that stakeholders are “very close” to approving an interlocal agreement on the History Corridor concept
6. The Chair is assembling a team to work on a visitors’ center concept on 95 acres on RR 620
7. Committees, we need committees
8. Kim McKnight briefed the TCHC membership on the visioning process, with a consultant hired to work on the Montopolis school angle an LGBTQ+ marker proposed at the corner of 4th and Colorado

The meeting was adjourned at 12:29m PM.

Submitted by Shawn Malone, Secretary