



Public Hearing

Item X

Receive a Staff presentation and hold a public hearing to consider amending Subpart A, Chapter 2, Article 3 Boards, Committees and Commissions, of the San Marcos City Code to add a new Division 23, establishing a Historic Preservation Plan Oversight Committee and amending Section 2.067 of the Code to allow persons to serve on the committee and another city board or commission; providing for the repeal of any conflicting provisions; providing a savings clause; and declaring an effective date.

Historic Preservation Plan



- **February 3, 2026** – City Council formally adopted the Historic Preservation Plan
 - Recommends establishing a Historic Preservation Plan Oversight Committee (HPPOC)
 - The purpose is to support implementation of the plan by tracking progress on goals and metrics, sharing updates, coordinating programs, and advising on potential amendments to the plan

PLAN IMPLEMENTATION & MAINTENANCE

As a long-term implementation strategy, the City of San Marcos should consider establishing a permanent Historic Preservation Plan Oversight Committee, appointed by City Council, to build on the success of public involvement and investment in this plan. The committee would include representatives from key non-profit groups involved in the drafting of this Historic Preservation Plan, such as the Dunbar Heritage Association, the Calaboose African American History Museum, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, Indigenous Cultures Institute, and Council for the Indigenous & Tejano Community, Heritage Association of San Marcos, and Texas State University. The committee should meet regularly, at least twice per year, and would support implementation by tracking progress on goals and metrics, sharing updates, coordinating programs, and advising on potential amendments to the Historic Preservation Plan. Any changes to the Historic Preservation Plan should provide opportunities for public input.

(Excerpt from the HPP, page 152)



Structure of HPPOC

- 7 Members
 - One of which shall be the Chair of the HPC
 - Serve 3-year terms
 - Nominate a Chair & Vice Chair
- Include representatives of key non-profit preservation groups
- Residents in the city or ETJ, or employed in the city, and demonstrate an interest in the history of the city

Sec. 2.370.24. Historic preservation plan oversight committee; established; composition; appointment of members.

- a) There is hereby established a historic preservation plan oversight committee. The committee is composed of seven members, one of which shall be the Chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission.
- b) The committee should include members representative of key non-profit groups including, but not limited to, the Calaboose African American History Museum, Centro Cultural Hispano de San Marcos, Council for the Indigenous & Tejano Community, Dunbar Heritage Association, Heritage Association of San Marcos, Indigenous Cultures Institute, and Texas State University.
- c) Members shall be residents of the city or the city's extraterritorial jurisdiction, or shall be employed in the city, and shall demonstrate an interest in the history of San Marcos.
- d) The members shall serve a term of three years. The committee shall nominate and select a chair and vice chair.



Duties of HPPOC

Sec. 2.370.25. Duties; meetings; reports.

- Review the progress of implementation of the HPP
 - Annually provide a status report to the HPC and City Council on progress made
 - Schedule and conduct 2 meetings annually as necessary
 - If committee decides that community input is needed, the public comment period is 30 days
- a) The committee shall review the progress of implementation of the Historic Preservation Plan and determine the completeness of achieving the Plan's objectives.
 - b) The committee shall, on an annual basis, provide a recommendation on the prioritization of the objectives to be completed relating to implementation of the Historic Preservation Plan.
 - c) The committee shall provide an annual status report to the historic preservation commission and to the city council on the progress made toward implementation of the Historic Preservation Plan's objectives.
 - d) The committee shall schedule and conduct two meetings annually as necessary to complete the above-referenced tasks.
 - e) The committee has no responsibility to advise the historic preservation commission or the city council regarding specific land use decisions.
 - f) If the committee decides to solicit community input regarding a matter within the scope of its duties, it shall accept public comments for a period of 30 days.



Membership on more than one board or commission

Sec. 2.067 Membership on more than one board or commission.

- a) A person may not be appointed as a member of more than one permanent city board or commission, except where duplicate appointments are authorized by ordinance, by the Charter or by state law.
- b) A person may serve on the San Marcos Industrial Development Corporation Board and on another permanent city board or commission. A person may serve on the construction board of appeals and another city board or commission. A person may serve on the Comprehensive Plan Oversight Committee and another permanent city board or commission. [A person may serve on the Historic Preservation Plan Oversight Committee and another permanent city board or commission.](#)
- c) A person may serve on a board of directors for a tax increment reinvestment zone created by the city and on another permanent city board or commission.



Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommends approval of the amendment to Subpart A, Chapter 2, Article 3 and to Section 2.067 of the San Marcos City Code.