



Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting

Dripping Springs City Hall

511 Mercer Street - Dripping Springs, Texas

Thursday, May 07, 2026, at 4:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

With a quorum of commissioners present, Chair Erickson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Commission Members Present

Dean Erickson, Chair
Ashley Bobel, Vice Chair
Steve Mallett
Richard Moore (*arrived at 4:03 p.m.*)
Gwyn Sommerfeld

Commission Members Absent

Delbert Bassett
Haley Hunt

Staff, Consultants, & Appointed/Elected Officials

City Administrator Michelle Fischer
Senior Planner Sara Varvarigos
City Secretary Diana Boone
People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan
DSVB Manager Pam King

PRESENTATION OF CITIZENS

A member of the public that wishes to address the Commission on any issue, regardless of whether it is posted on this agenda, may do so during Presentation of Citizens. It is the request of the Commission that individuals wishing to speak on agenda items with a public hearing hold their comments until the item is being considered. Individuals are allowed two (2) minutes each to speak regarding issues not on the agenda and two (2) minutes per item on the agenda and may not cede or pool time. Those requiring the assistance of a translator will be allowed additional time to speak. Individuals are not required to sign in; however, it is encouraged. Individuals that wish to share documents with the Commission must present the documents to the City Secretary or City Attorney providing at least eight (8) copies; if eight (8) copies are not provided, the Commission will receive the documents the following day. Audio Video presentations will not be accepted during Presentation of Citizens. By law no action shall be taken during Presentation of Citizens; however, the Chair may provide a statement of specific factual information, recitation of existing policy, or direction or referral to staff.

No one spoke during Presentation of Citizens.

MINUTES

1. **Consider approval of the April 2, 2026 Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes.**

A motion was made by Commissioner Sommerfeld and seconded by Commissioner Mallett, to approve the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion to approve carried unanimously 4 to 0. Commissioner Moore was not present to vote.

BUSINESS AGENDA

2. **Public hearing, discussion, and possible action on COA 2026-002: a Certificate of Appropriateness for an exterior paint color update and the addition of the Destination Dripping Springs logo to the exterior of the City of Dripping Springs Visitors Bureau building located at 509 Mercer Street in the Mercer Street Historic District. Applicant: Lisa Sullivan, People & Communications Director, City of Dripping Springs**

Commissioner Moore arrived during the presentation for this item.

- a. Applicant Presentation

People & Communications Director Lisa Sullivan presented.

- b. Staff Report

Senior Planner Sara Varvarigos presented the staff report and recommended approval of exterior paint color Jay Bird by BEHR.

- c. Public Hearing

No one spoke during the public hearing.

- d. COA 2026-002

A motion was made by Vice Chair Bobel and seconded by Commissioner Mallett, to approve the proposed paint color for the exterior of the Visitors Bureau Center. The motion to approve carried unanimously 5 to 0.

3. **Workshop to facilitate the Historic Preservation Commission's review of proposed amendments to the City of Dripping Springs' Historic Preservation Ordinance and Historic District Ordinance. The Commission will provide additional input about proposed amendments to Chapter 30, Exhibit A, Section 4, Divisions 2 and 3, and Chapter 30, Exhibit E, Zoning Use Regulations Charts, of the City's Code of Ordinances to**

CityStaff.

No action was taken. Report is on file.

a. Staff Presentation of additional updates to Draft Ordinance revisions

This item was presented by Senior Planner Sara Varvarigos.

b. Commission feedback on proposed updates

The commission requested that we do not include Hill Country Estate on the list of Old Fitzhugh District Place Types.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission has the right to adjourn into closed session on any item on this agenda and at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matter as authorized by law or by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation With Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation Regarding Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gifts), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits), 551.0761 (Deliberation Regarding Critical Infrastructure Facility), and 551.087 (Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations), and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits). Any final action or vote on any Closed Session item will be taken in Open Session.

The commission did not meet in Closed Session.

ADJOURN

Chair Erickson adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.