



STAFF REPORT
City of Dripping Springs
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Submitted By: Andrea Cunningham, City Secretary

Council Meeting Date: September 19, 2023

Agenda Item Wording: **Discuss and consider the Appointment of four (4) individuals to the Historic Preservation Commission for terms ending June 30, 2025.**

Agenda Item Requestor: Michelle Fischer, City Administrator & Commission Liaison

Summary/Background: The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is a 7 member commission tasked with making recommendations to City Council regarding Historic Preservation Items including but not limited to designation of historic places, preparation of historic district guidelines and review of concept site plans with all historic zoning districts. The HPC is also responsible for the review and approval or denial of Certificates of Appropriateness in the Historic Districts.

Members of the HPC are those that have an interest in historic preservation and expertise related to those activities. There are no residency or professional requirements, however, the city does seek to appoint residents of the city limits or ETJ and those in the categories listed below:

- Architect, Planner, or Design Professional
- Historian, Anthropologist Geographer or Archaeologist
- Licensed Real Estate broker or appraiser
- Attorney at Law
- Historic District Business or Property Owner
- Member of the Hays Historical Society

Vacancies

There are 4 members with expiring terms as highlighted in the Current Membership Chart. With the exception of Nichole Prescott, all expiring members have requested reappointment.

Expiring members were notified in April and applications were accepted through August – 3 applications were received for the 1 open seat. Chair Dean Erickson, Vice Chair Ashley Bobel and Mayor Pro Tem Taline Manassian conducted interviews of the applicants.

Current Membership

Chair, Dean Erickson	06/30/2024	HD Business Owner
Vice Chair, Ashley Bobel	06/30/2023	Real Estate Broker
Delbert Bassett	06/30/2023	Hays Historical Society Member
Minnie Glosson-Needham	06/30/2024	Historian
Haley Hunt	06/30/2024	HD Business Owner
Steve Mallet	06/30/2023	HD Property Owner
Nichole Prescott	06/30/2023	Historic Preservation Professor

Slate of Candidates

Ashely Bobel, Incumbent	City	Real Estate Broker
Delbert Bassett	ETJ	Hays Historical Society
Steve Mallet	City	HD Property Owner
Alan Hutchinson	City	Portfolio Manager
Micah Gutierrez	Hays County	Real Estate Broker
Richard Moore	City	Architect

**Commission
Recommendations:**

Chair Erickson recommends the reappointment of Ashley Bobel, Delbert Bassett and Steve Mallet; and the appointment of Richard Moore for terms ending June 30, 2025.

**Recommended
Council Actions:**

Staff recommends city council appoint four individuals of their choosing.

Attachments:

1. Chair Recommendation
2. Resignation & Reappointment Requests
3. New Applicants

Next Steps/Schedule:

1. Send welcome letter to new appointee
2. Notify reappointed members
3. Inform commission of appointments
4. Update website
5. Email individuals not selected