



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

Historical Preservation & Restoration Board

Farmers Branch
Dodson House
2540 Farmers Branch Ln
Farmers Branch, TX 75234

Thursday, November 20, 2025

6:30 PM

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Absent	1 – Alternate Pat Steed
Presiding	1 – Chair Missy Dours
Present	6 – Member Samaria Cate, Alternate Helena Fregia, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa L. Webster, and Member Ginny Welch
Staff	1 – Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Missy Dours at 6:30 PM. Alternate Helena Fregia was assigned as a voting member for the meeting due to absences of a member. Member Sharon Montgomery moved to approve. Samaria Cate seconded.

B. CITIZEN COMMENTS

This agenda item provides an opportunity for citizens to address the Board or Committee on any matter that is not posted on the agenda. Anyone wishing to address the Board or Committee should complete a Citizen Comments Registration Form and submit it to the Board Liaison or Board Chair prior to the start of the meeting. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each citizen to speak with a reasonable limitation on speakers on one topic or item with a maximum of fifteen total minutes on the same topic item. Anyone wishing to speak shall be courteous and cordial.

The Board or Committee is not permitted to take action on any subject raised by a speaker during Citizen Comments. However, the Chair may have the item placed on a future agenda for action; refer the item to the City Administration for further study or action; briefly state existing City policy; or provide a brief statement of factual information in response to the inquiry.

There were no citizen comments.

C. AGENDA ITEMS

25-886 Consider approval of the October 23, 2025 meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

Vice Chair Christian Martinez moved the minutes of the October 23, 2025, Board minutes be approved as written. Member Sharon Montgomery seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Absent 1 – Alternate Pat Sneed

Aye 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Alternate Helena Fregia, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa L. Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

25-887 Discuss election of Board officers and their responsibilities; and take appropriate action.

The following slate of officers was presented:

Chair – Ginny Welch

Vice Chair – Christian Martinez

Secretary – Missy Dours

Friends Liaison – Teresa L. Webster

Member Samaria Cate moved to accept the slate as presented. Alternate Helena Fregia seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Absent 1 – Alternate Pat Sneed

Aye 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Alternate Helena Fregia, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa L. Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

25-888 Consider applications to the Witness to History award; and take appropriate action.

Member Teresa L. Webster moved to nominate Clare Connally as the individual recipient of Witness to History Award, scheduled to be presented at the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting.

Member Missy Dours seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Absent 1 – Alternate Pat Sneed

Aye 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Alternate Helena Fregia, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa L. Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

Chair Missy Dours moved to nominate Pete's Café as the business recipient of the Witness to History Award, scheduled to be presented at the February 17, 2026, City Council meeting. Member Teresa L. Webster seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Absent 1 – Alternate Pat Sneed

Aye 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Alternate Helena Fregia, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa L. Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

25-889 Receive a report on the Annual Presentation to City Council as it relates to the Historical Preservation and Restoration Board; and take appropriate action.

Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager, reviewed the annual presentation for City Council scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6 PM. Yearly Board highlights and goals were reviewed.

25-890 Receive an update on Historical Park current projects, events, and upcoming activities.

Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager, gave the update. A listing of events was included in the current Board packet. Highlights for upcoming events include:

Dec 1 - Mad Hatter Tea tickets on sale

Dec 1 - Artchella: Summer Artventure Camp tickets on sale

Dec 1 - Artchella: Surf's Up! Camp tickets on sale

Dec 1 - Girls Make History Summer Camp tickets on sale

Dec 5 - A Christmas Carnival, 5 – 9 PM

Dec 6 & 13 - Christmas Teas, Sat., Dec. 6 & 13 (Sold Out)

Dec 6 & 13 - Christmas Exhibit Tours, 12 PM

Dec 12 & 19 - Christmas Exhibit Tours, 7 PM

Dec 13 - Wreaths Across America, 11 AM

Park Closed: Nov 27-28 - Thanksgiving; Dec 24-25 - Christmas; and Jan 1 - New Year's Day

Park begins closing at 5 PM on Nov 2.

25-891 Receive an update from Board members on parks, programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

Members Sharon Montgomery, Teresa L. Webster, and Ginny Welch attended Día de los Muertos at the Historical Park. Member Ginny Welch helped at Keenan Cemetery on November 5, 2025, as Boy Scouts placed flags on veteran's graves in preparation for Veteran's Day on November 11. Chair Missy Dours and Member Ginny Welch attended the Events Review and Gateway to the Globe Sub-Committee meeting November 6, 2025 at the Community Recreation Center.

25-892 Discuss agenda items for future Historical Preservation and Restoration Board meetings.

For the January 22, 2026 meeting, add to the agenda:

- Venue 1842 status with updates on number and type of rentals, as well as revenue.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Missy Dours adjourned the meeting at 7:04 PM.

Chair

Secretary