



**FARMERS  
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# City of Farmers Branch

## Minutes

### Historical Preservation & Restoration Board

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

Thursday January 23, 2025

6:30 PM

Dodson House

<b>Absent</b>	1 – Alternate Elizabeth Villafranca
<b>Presiding</b>	1 – Chair Missy Dours
<b>Present</b>	7 – Member Samaria Cate, Member Ann Christman, Member Christian Martinez, Alternate Sharon Montgomery, Member Van Reece, Member Teresa Webster, and Member Ginny Welch
<b>Staff</b>	2 – Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager and Sarah Bergman, Deputy Director of Planning

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Missy Dours at 6:30 PM.

#### **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 comments made.

#### **C. AGENDA ITEMS**

**25-56 Consider approval of the November 14, 2024 meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.**

Member Teresa Webster moved the minutes of the November 14, 2024 Board meeting be approved as written. Member Ann Christman seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Absent** 1 – Alternate Elizabeth Villafranca

**Aye** 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Member Ann Christman, Member Christian Martinez, Member Van Reece, Member Teresa Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

**25-57 Discuss the vision and goals for the Historical Preservation and Restoration Board; and take appropriate action.**

Mayor and City Council will be discussing the vision and goals for Boards and committees during Study Session on February 4, 2025.

**25-59 Receive a Farmers Branch Keenan Cemetery Sub-Committee update; and take appropriate action.**

The American Legion Post 579, Carrollton collected enough money to purchase 117 wreaths to lay on the veterans' graves at the cemetery. Truck drivers donated their time and gasoline to drive three semi-trucks from the east coast to DFW to deliver 13 boxes of Wreaths Across America. The Knights of Columbus helped lay the wreaths. A Veteran from every branch of the service and POW were present for the ceremony. Taps was played from a recording. The ceremony always takes place on the second Saturday in December and the time coincides with the 12 PM start at the Arlington National Cemetery.

**25-60 Discuss the Witness to History Award; and take appropriate action.**

Messina Shoe Repair's application was approved at the November Board meeting as the business/organization recipient for 2025. Member Teresa Webster made a motion to accept Carol Dingman as the individual recipient for the 2025 Witness to History Award. Member Ann Christman seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

**Absent** 1 – Alternate Elizabeth Villafranca

**Aye** 6 – Member Samaria Cate, Member Ann Christman, Member Christian Martinez, Member Van Reece, Member Teresa Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

The awards will be presented at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at 6 PM.

**25-61 Receive an update on Historical Park current projects, events, and upcoming activities.**

Historical Park Manager, Hillary Kidd gave the update.

The Historical Park received the Texas Recreation and Park Society's 2024 Excellence in Programming Award for Charcuterie Board class. The award will be presented during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

A listing of events was included in the current Board packet. Highlights for upcoming events include:

- Mar 1 – Mad Hatter Tea (Historical Park at Venue 1842), 1 PM, volunteers needed
- Mar 10 – 14 and 17 – 21 – Birthday Box Donations (Historical Park), 9 AM – 4 PM
- Mar 15 & 16 – Birthday Box Donations (Historical Park), 1 – 4 PM

**25-62 Receive an update from Board members on parks, programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.**

Chair Missy Dours attended the Board Chair meeting on January 15, 2025. Member Van Reece and Secretary Ginny Welch attended the Grand Opening of the Ryse Energy Multisport StarCenter Farmers Branch on January 17, 2025.

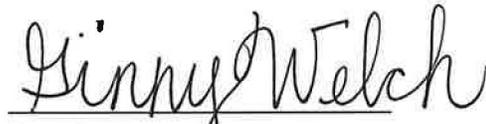
**25-63 Discuss agenda items for future Historical Preservation and Restoration Board meetings.**

- status of the Master Plan
- timeline for Log Culture Area rebuild
- update on Venue 1842

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Missy Dours adjourned the meeting at 6:58 PM.

  
Chair

  
Secretary