



City of Farmers Branch

Minutes

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

Historical Preservation & Restoration Board

Thursday, June 26, 2025

6:30 PM

Dodson House

Presiding	1 – Chair Missy Dours
Present	6 – Member Samaria Cate, Member Ann Christman, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Alternate Sharon Montgomery, Member Teresa Webster, and Member Ginny Welch
Staff	3 – Hillary Kidd, Historical Park Manager, Jessica Alvarado, Recreation Superintendent, and Robert Diaz, Parks and Recreation Director

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

25-444 Consider approval of the May 15, 2025 meeting minutes; and take appropriate action.

Member Teresa Webster moved the minutes of the May 15, 2025 Board meeting be approved as written. Member Samaria Cate seconded. Motion carried by the following vote:

Aye 5 – Member Samaria Cate, Member Ann Christman, Vice Chair Christian Martinez, Member Teresa Webster, and Member Ginny Welch

25-445 Receive an update regarding Historical Preservation and Restoration Board meeting minutes.

Historical Park Manager, Hillary Kidd gave an update that starting with the June meeting, City staff will be responsible for taking meeting minutes and the Board Secretary's notes will be added as supplemental documentation.

25-446 Review Board Absences, Ordinance # 3730.

Reviewed that Board members cannot miss more than 25% of meeting, after that they are removed from the Board. Count resets yearly on each member's anniversary of term. Letters are sent close to 25% and if rate is reached and member is removed.

25-447 Receive an update on Historical Park current projects, events, and upcoming activities.

Historical Park Manager, Hillary Kidd gave the update.

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

- June 23 – 27 – Artchella Camp: Under the Sea – sold out, 9AM – 4 PM (Sold Out)
- July 3 – Independence Day Celebration, 6:30 – 10 PM (gates open at 6 PM for firecracker pass holders)
- July 14 – 18 – Girls Make History Camp, 9AM – 4 PM
- August 11 – Christmas Tea Reservations begin, 8 AM, Teas are December 6 & 13 at 11AM
- September 27 – Classic Car Show, 10 AM – 2 PM

The Historical Park will be closed on Friday, July 4 for Independence Day and Monday, September 1 for Labor Day.

There will not be a Board meeting in July. However, there is a Board Chair meeting on July 16. The next Historical Board meeting will be on August 28. There will be two new Board members joining the meeting. Historical Park Manager, Hillary Kidd will not be in attendance, Historical Cultural Specialist, Bonnie Neumann will serve as staff liaison.

Parks and Recreation Director, Robert Diaz gave an update on the Log Cabin rebuild; Public Works will be conducting a storm water drainage study on Farmers Branch Lane in the coming year, this will help will redirecting water runoff from the tree grove area (planned rebuild location) to make rebuild possible in the future. Historical Park Manager, Hillary Kidd is getting quotes on cost to rebuild structures, project on hold for approximately one and a half years until Public Works study is complete and flooding issues under control.

25-462 Receive a Farmers Branch Keenan Cemetery Sub-Committee update; and take appropriate action.

Flags were placed on veterans' graves for Memorial Day, some flags damaged in storm, need replacement.

A family member replaced two headstones in the cemetery, maintenance list updated to reflect replacement.

Headstone cleaning workshop planned for the Spring 2026, working with Friends of the Farmers Branch Historical Park to pick a date.

The Board is interested in the City taking over ownership of the Marsh Cemetery, currently privately owned by the family. Member Ann Christman is looking into cemetery preservation grant opportunities with Texas Historical Commission.

25-448 Receive an update from Board members on parks, programs, events, or facilities attended in the City of Farmers Branch.

Member Ginny Welch attended a graduation party at Venue 1842.

Member Samaria Cate's daughter will be attending the Girls Make History Camp.

The Board is interested in having a Pickleball party aft her August Board meeting.

25-449 Discuss agenda items for future Historical Preservation and Restoration Board meetings.

Introduction of new Board members.

Farmers Branch Keenan Sub-Committee update in September.

Floodplain map in September.

Friends of the Farmers Branch Historical Park update in October.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Missy Dours adjourned the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Chair

Secretary