

CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & RESTORATION BOARD

Purpose

The Historical Preservation and Restoration Board serves as an advisory board to the City Council and provides input to the Parks and Recreation staff in matters pertaining to the Historical Park. Located at 2540 Farmers Branch Lane, the Historical Park includes the 1856 Gilbert House, a designated National and State Historical Landmark; the 1900 Farmers Branch School; the original Farmers Branch Depot; the home of the first Mayor of Farmers Branch; a Log Culture area; a Victorian Cottage; the Old Church; a replica 1927 General Store and 1930s Texaco Gas Station; and a Museum Store.

Duties

- Review the acquisition of historical buildings and artifacts
- Seek donations of artifacts
- Assist with planning for the Historical Park
- Assist the Friends of the Historical Park with raising funds for park projects

Time Commitment

Members of the Historical Preservation and Restoration Board must attend regularly scheduled meetings that are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Depending on the number of items comprising the agenda, a regular meeting may take anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours to complete. Board members occasionally visit other historical sites or facilities to observe existing conditions firsthand in order to be adequately prepared to deliberate certain issues or requests. Board members have the opportunity to serve as docents or volunteers but are not required to do so. Docents give tours of facilities, work on restoration projects, help with publications, take traveling exhibits to schools, or work in the gift shop. Docents may give from one to five hours a week or more with special projects.

Members

This Board is comprised of 11 positions. All are appointed positions determined by a majority vote of the City Council. To be eligible to serve on the board a person must be a resident of Farmers Branch, and pass a background check.

Term

Two year term with a six year term limit.

Meetings

Regular meetings are typically held on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Dodson House in the Historical Park, 2540 Farmers Branch Lane.



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