

**HARRIS COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING – REVIEW OF PROPOSED NEW BYLAWS
Thursday, June 3, 2021 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Teleconference Meeting**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86980601641?pwd=b0xLZGEyUG9PMUM3cUdHMWV6R1BZdz09>

Meeting ID: 869 8060 1641

Passcode: 889973

AGENDA

1. Call to order and welcome
2. Quorum Determination
3. Review and discuss the comments received on the proposed HCHC Bylaws during the comment period, May 8-24, 2021, and changes made since the draft bylaws were distributed on May 8. The Bylaws will not be voted on at this meeting. Comments were received relating to the following topics.

Article II. PURPOSE AND POLICY. A member suggested expanding the description of subparagraph (b), Harris County marker program, to include “This program will employ a combination of formal metal County markers as well as illustrated interpretive panels.”

Article III. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION. The preparation of budget and financial reports was moved from the Executive Committee to a new Budget Committee (Article X).

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP, Sections 3 and 4, Number of Members and Emeritus Members. A member suggested language clarifying how positions are filled when a voting member changes to Emeritus status.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP, Section 6, Active Participation. A member requested that “attending marker dedications” be included in the list of marker activities that each member “is strongly encouraged to take an active part in” during each two-year term.

Article IV. MEMBERSHIP, Section 7. Attendance. A member requested clarification of whether member emergencies on the day of the meeting qualify as “excused” with regard to approving absences in advance.

Article VII. OFFICERS. A member noted that there was no mention of a Co-Chair.

Article X. STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 2, Budget Committee. Two members requested adding this committee and having it make at least annual budget presentations to Commissioners Court in addition to making financial reports to HCHC at every quarterly meeting.

Article X. STANDING COMMITTEES, Section 6, Marker Review Committee for Harris County Markers. A member suggested renaming the committee to delete the word “review” so that it better describes the committee’s function to proactively create markers and interpretive panels, and not just react and review marker applications brought to HCHC by Harris County citizens.

Article XI. MARKER PROVISIONS, Section 3, Harris County Historical Interpretive Panels. A member suggested expanding the description of the Interpretive Panels as done in Section 2 for county markers. Additionally, the member suggested addition of a new Section 4, Heritage Trails, describing a county-wide system of Heritage Trails consisting of both county markers and interpretive panels, to be created by HCHC volunteers in a multi-year program with financial support from Harris County.

4. Adjournment