

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 14.3

Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
January 29-30, 2018

Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2019 Official Texas Historical Markers

Recommendations for 2019: For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2019, staff recommends application period dates of **Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2018**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2019: **World War I topics; Women’s history topics; Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designations; and Sports topics**. Topics addressing these themes will receive additional points when new applications are scored. Staff recommends approving and processing no more than **170** new applications and no more than **15** markers produced through the Undertold marker program (accumulated Marker Application Funds). The total of no more than **185** historical markers to be completed in calendar year 2019 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
Aug. 2018	Marker applications posted to website	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2018	Application period for new markers. \$100 fee benefiting undertold markers now due with application.
Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2018	Staff processes and scores all applications		
		Nov. 16-30, 2018	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
		Nov. 30, 2018	Final day to submit missing or deficient components
Dec. 10, 2018	Scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
Jan. 2019	Commissioners approve 2019 marker topics at quarterly meeting		
By Feb. 1, 2019	Staff sends out payment vouchers to approved topics	Mar. 22, 2019	Marker fee is due for all marker applications
Apr. 2019 or Jul. 2019	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2020.		
Apr. 2019 – Aug. 2019	Staff gives workshops and webinars on successful marker applications and other topics	May 1 – Jun. 15, 2019	Application period for undertold markers

Suggested motion:

Move to approve staff recommendations for qualified Official Texas Historical Marker applications and adopt a work plan to complete no more than 185 new historical markers in calendar year 2019.