

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 11.3
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
October 22-23, 2014

Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2016 Official Texas Historical Markers

Recommendations for 2016: For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2016, staff recommends application period dates of **Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2015**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2016: **Hispanic Heritage topics; Women’s History topics; and Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designations**. Topics addressing these themes will receive additional points when new applications are scored. Staff recommends approving and processing no more than **165** new applications and no more than **15** markers produced through the Undertold marker program (accumulated Marker Application Funds). The total of no more than **180** historical markers to be completed in calendar year 2016 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
August 2015	Marker applications posted to website	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2015	Application period for new markers
Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2015	Staff processes applications, sends out \$100 invoices, and scores all applications		
		Nov. 16 – Dec. 15, 2015	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
		Dec. 4, 2015	Final day to submit application fee
Dec. 9, 2015	Scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
Dec. 1, 2015 – Jan. 4, 2016	Commissioners review marker submissions		
Jan. 2016	Commissioners vote on marker topics		
Feb. 1, 2016	Staff sends out payment vouchers to approved topics	March 25, 2016	Marker fee is due for all marker applications
Apr. 2016 OR Jul. 2016	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2017.		
Apr. 2016 – Aug. 2016	Staff gives workshops and makes site visits across the state promoting research skills and the marker program	May – June 2016	THC submits call 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 180 new historical markers in calendar year 2016.