

**TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

---

**Item 12.5**  
Texas Historical Commission  
Quarterly Meeting  
August 6-7, 2015

**Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2017 Official Texas Historical Markers**

**Recommendations for 2017:** For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2017, staff recommends application period dates of **Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2016**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2017: **World War I topics; Science and Technology topics; and Recorded Texas Historic Landmark (RTHL) designations; and National Park Service properties.** Topics addressing these themes will receive additional points when new applications are scored. Staff recommends approving and processing no more than **185** new applications and no more than **15** markers produced through the Undertold marker program (accumulated Marker Application Funds). The total of no more than **200** historical markers to be completed in calendar year 2017 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
August 2016	Marker applications posted to website	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2016	Application period for new markers
Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2016	Staff processes applications, sends out \$100 invoices, and scores all applications		
		Nov. 16 – Dec. 9, 2016	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
		Dec. 9, 2016	Final day to submit application fee
Dec. 12, 2016	Scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
Dec. 1, 2016 – Jan. 5, 2017	Commissioners review marker submissions		
Jan. 2017	Commissioners vote on marker topics		
Feb. 1, 2017	Staff sends out payment vouchers to approved topics	March 24, 2017	Marker fee is due for all marker applications
Apr. 2017 OR Jul. 2017	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2018.		
Apr. 2017 – Aug. 2017	Staff gives workshops and makes site visits across the state promoting research skills and the marker program	May – June 2017	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 200 new historical markers in calendar year 2017.