

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 14.2
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
January 28-29, 2020

Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2020 Official Texas Historical Markers

Recommendations for 2020: For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2020, staff recommends application period dates of **April 1 – June 15, 2020**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2020: **Women’s history; Education, and Architecture and Landscape Architecture**. 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 by the end of fiscal year 2021 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
Jan. 2020	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2020		
Feb. 3, 2020	Marker applications posted to website	April 1 – June 15, 2020	Application period for new markers. \$100 fee benefiting undertold markers now due with application by 2pm CDT
April 1 – June 15, 2020	Staff processes and scores all applications		
		June 15 – 30, 2020	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
June 2020	RTHL Meeting with DOA staff and scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
July 31, 2020	Commissioners review 2020 marker topics at quarterly meeting		
By August 3, 2020	Staff sends out payment vouchers to recommended topics	September 16, 2020	Marker fee is due for all marker applications by 5pm CDT
Apr. 2020 – Aug. 2020	Staff gives workshops and webinars on successful marker applications and other topics		
		Nov. 1 – Dec. 15, 2020	Application period for undertold markers

Suggested motion:

Move to approve staff recommendations for qualified Official Texas Historical Marker applications and adopt an amended work plan to complete no more than 185 new historical markers in calendar year 2020.