

Historic Sites Committee

October 17, 2022



TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

AGENDA HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE

The Stella Hotel
Celeste Ballroom
4100 Lake Atlas Dr.
Bryan, TX 77807
October 17, 2022
1:00 p.m.

(or upon the adjournment of the 11:00 a.m. preceding History Programs Committee, whichever occurs later)

This meeting of the THC Historic Sites committee has been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office according to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The members may discuss and/or take action on any of the items listed in the agenda.

1. Call to Order
 - A. Committee member introductions
 - B. Establish quorum
 - C. Recognize and/or excuse absences
2. Consider approval of the July 25, 2022, Historic Sites Committee meeting minutes
3. Consider approval of the admission fees for newly added sites – (Item 14.2)
4. Historic Sites Facilities Report
5. Report on the Caddo Mounds Landscape and Monument
6. Report on the Foodworks Contract and a Business Update
7. Report on the Eisenhower Birthplace Street Abandonment by the City of Denison
8. Update on the Washington-on-the-Brazos/Star of the Republic Project
9. Update on the Business Operations at the San Jacinto Battleground
10. Update of the Fort Lancaster archeology
11. Deputy Executive Director of Historic Sites Update
12. Adjournment

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TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

HISTORIC SITES COMMITTEE MINUTES

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Hotel

2nd Floor

Houston Room

303 W 15th Street

Austin, TX 78701

July 25, 2022

*Note: For the full text of action items, please contact the Texas Historical Commission at P.O. Box 12276, Austin, TX 78711 or call 512.463.6100. * All agenda items were discussed, although not necessarily in the order presented below.*

Commissioners in attendance: John Crain (Chair), Earl Broussard, Jim Bruseth, Monica Zárate Burdette David Gravelle, Laurie Limbacher, and Pete Peterson.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Crain at 2:53 pm on July 25, 2022. The meeting had been posted to the *Texas Register*, was being held in conformance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551 and that notice had been properly posted with the Secretary of State's Office as required.

A. Committee member introductions

Chairman Crain welcomed all present and conducted roll call.

B. Establish quorum

Chairman Crain reported that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open.

C. Recognize and/or excuse absences

Absences: Chairman Crain noted that there were no absences.

2. Consider approval of the April 28, 2022, Historic Sites Committee meeting minutes

Chairman Crain asked if anyone had any comments regarding the minutes. There being none, he called for a motion. Commissioner Pete Peterson moved to approve the April 28, 2022, minutes and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Earl Broussard. Chairman Crain called for a vote. Vote to approve was unanimous.

3. Consider approval to repeal rule 16.7 of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 16, related to Historic Sites, Friends Organizations without changes to the text as published in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 2939-2940) – (Item 6.4B)

Joseph Bell, Deputy Executive Director of Historic Sites said that the notice of repeal was posted in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* and that no comments were received. Chairman Crain moved to send forward to the full commission and recommended approval to repeal rule 16.7 of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 16, related to Historic Sites, Friends Organizations without changes to the text as published in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Monica Burdette. Chairman Crain called for a vote. Vote to approve was unanimous.

4. Consider adoption of rule 16.7 of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 16, related to Historic Sites, Supporting Nonprofit Partners, without changes to the text as published in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* (47 TexReg 2940-2942)– (Item 6.4C)

Bell said that this new rule addresses current legal requirements and industry best practices for supporting nonprofits. He said that the rule was published in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register* and no

comments were received. Chairman Crain called for a motion. Commissioner Laurie Limbacher moved to send forward to the commission and recommend adoption of rule 16.7 of the Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2, Chapter 16, related to Historic Sites, Supporting Nonprofit Partners, without changes to the text as published in the May 20, 2022, issue of the *Texas Register*. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Broussard. Chairman Crain then called for a vote. Vote to approve was unanimous.

5. Approval of the FY2023 Longhorn Herd workplan – (Item 13.2)

Bell introduced Will Craddock, Longhorn Herd Manager, to provide a report on the status of the Longhorn herd. Craddock said that there were 272 head at Fort Griffin and on leased properties. He noted that the current breeding herd was about 160 head, not including calves. He stated that DNA testing of the cattle would continue to maintain genetic authenticity. In his plan, Craddock noted that to enhance the herd operations, which included the purchase of land and equipment as well as add two FTE, the cost will be approaching \$11M. Craddock continued noting that herd staff would continue to bring the longhorns to events and noted several of the events they attended this past year and are likely to attend again this coming fiscal year. There was a question about what the difference would be if upgrades or a land purchase was made. Craddock explained that right now, Fort Griffin can only show a small percentage of the herd due to the available space. If upgraded, for the same entrance fee visitors would be able to see upwards of 80-90 percent of the herd. He said that the current lease is ideal for grazing and water, but the location is very remote and poorly accessible for checking cattle and for interpretive tours for the public. He noted that the longhorn herd staff consists of two people, himself and one other. After discussion and questions from the commissioners Chairman Crain asked for a motion. Commissioner Broussard moved to send forward to the full commission and recommend approval of the FY2023 Longhorn Herd annual workplan. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Peterson. Chairman Crain called for a vote. Vote to approve was unanimous.

6. Consider approval to deaccession items from the National Museum of the Pacific War, Sam Rayburn House, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites – (Item 13.3)

Bell said that staff was recommending the deaccessioning of objects from the National Museum of the Pacific War, Sam Rayburn House, and Washington-on-the-Brazos State Historic Sites for one of the following reasons: item was deteriorated beyond usefulness; item was redundant to the collection; item lacked site association and provenance; or the item was outside the sites' interpretive period. Chairman Crain moved to send forward to the full commission and recommend approval to deaccession items for the three sites noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner David Gravelle. Chairman Crain called for a vote. Vote to approve was unanimous.

7. Historic Sites Facilities Report

Bell introduced Glenn Reed, Chief Architect, to provide the facilities update. Reed began by noting that at Caddo Mounds the new visitor center is taking shape and briefly described the slides being shown. He noted that the project was now 63 percent complete. He continued noting that the detail of the dramatic roof structure was going to make this a very distinctive building. He said that the project remains significantly behind its original schedule, but staff is in frequent communication with the contractor and the architect. Completion is now projected for mid-November.

Reed stated that the ruins stabilization projects at Fort Griffin and Fort Lancaster are now complete. He said that the images being shown were the new adobe blocks that were installed at Barracks Company H at Fort Lancaster noting the blend of stone and adobe that was typical of the buildings at the site. He also noted that the project scope included several palettes of extra adobe blocks that staff would store on site and use for future stabilization projects.

Reed said that at Sabine Pass Battleground, the bidding process was complete for the seawall repair, and a contractor was selected. The contract was at the Attorney General's Office in the final reviewing stage.

Reed stated that the structural repairs at the Magoffin Home Visitor Center were completed in May, and THC has requested funding in the LAR for a major adobe stabilization project at the Magoffin Home itself.

He said that the construction documents for the elevated viewing platform at Palmito Ranch Battlefield were complete, and staff was ready to proceed once a source of funding for construction was identified.

Reed said that the construction documents for the Varner-Hogg Plantation House stabilization project were 85 percent complete, and staff anticipated this project to be out for bids in October.

At Landmark Inn, Reed stated that the 60 percent construction documents submittal for the Medina River Dam Preservation was expected in mid-August and should be ready for bidding in the spring.

Construction documents for the Fanthorp Inn were nearly completed for the exterior preservation project and Reed said that staff was now preparing the solicitation documents. Staff expect the project to be out for bids this fall.

Reed concluded by noting that at San Felipe de Austin, staff had completed the conceptual design for the new maintenance, archeology, and retail (MARS) complex, and were now preparing the design/build solicitation documents to be posted later this summer.

Meeting was paused at 3:29pm for Executive Meeting. Meeting reconvened at 4:05pm.

8. Community Engagement Report

Bell introduced Angela Reed, Community Engagement Program Coordinator, to provide an update on the program. Reed said that there were currently 16 friends groups to which she provides support and resources. She said that she was currently assisting the George W. Bush Childhood Home as it shifts from an operating capacity to a supporting capacity. She was also offering organizational assistance for new and prospective friends groups at the French Legation, Goodnight Ranch, Mission Dolores, Starr Family Home, Sam Bell Maxey House, and Fort Lancaster. Reed stated that she also facilitates meetings between friends groups and site staff to ensure friends projects align with sites' and the THC's missions and goals.

Reed noted that she co-presents the development seminars and workshops with the Friends of the THC and was the administrator for the Friends Alliance Awards that recognizes recipients at the opening ceremony of the Real Places Conference.

Reed concluded by saying that the monthly newsletter, *First Friday News for Friends* continues. This newsletter provides notices on agency events, programs, and training opportunities. One historic site is featured each month and highlights one friends group activity per month. She noted that one of her newest tasks was participating in stakeholders meeting bringing the community perspective of a site to the table. She said that this activity helps identify and network with potential members and gain insight regarding community goals for site projects.

9. National Museum of the Pacific War Report

Bell introduced Karen Stevenson, Museum Director of the National Museum of the Pacific War, to provide an update. Stevenson stated that the Admiral Nimitz Foundation (ANF) is a great partner in the successful operation of the museum. The operating agreement states the responsibilities for THC and the ANF. She noted the staffing levels and made special note of the general volunteer corps of about 60 people. Stevenson said that education was in the forefront of their programming. She mentioned that distance learning was gaining traction and continued to grow and evolve. Stevenson said that they would continue to offer programming for their commemorative events, Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and Pearl Harbor Day.

Stevenson gave a brief overview of several on-site programs that include the Day of Remembrance, Spring Break drop-in programs, robotics competition, and STEM drop-in programs. She also noted that staff presented a variety of themed programs directly into classrooms. With this program they were able to reach 3000 students from 18 schools and libraries. Topics included Texas and Texans in WWII, African American Service Men and Women of WWII, and Women Warriors of WWII. She further noted that the recent additions to the ANF marketing team is strengthening the relationship with THC Communications team. Stevenson said that their visitation for 2022 is shaping up to pre-pandemic levels, and that the data shown on the slide was for January through June.

Stevenson stated that Nimitz Golf Classic, including a dinner and auction, was a perennial fundraising event that selects a special project for funding. This year's campaign was to conserve, digitize, and store a collection of more than 1250 maps drawn by the Fleet Radio Unit of the Pacific, commonly referred to as FRUPAC. She said that these maps that were drawn from daily radio traffic, tracking American and Japanese fleet movements across the Pacific, picking up the location of storms, rough seas and even pods of whales. These maps were drawn on onion skin paper and were never intended to last 80 years. Stevenson said that conserving and digitizing them will protect the documents while allowing them to be used in the STEM programming and exhibits well into the future. Chairman Nau added that he and General Hagee met several weeks prior, and he was pleased that the THC collection will benefit from the conservation and digitization effort.

Stevenson said that major accomplishments included the HVAC upgrade of the Bush Gallery, the installation of the Memorial Courtyard, and the restoration of the large artifacts on loan from the United States Navy. She noted that two projects were in progress, the roof on the Nimitz Barn and the wayfinding signs and maps.

One major undertaking on the exhibit front is the children's exhibit, *Childhood on the Homefront: Growing up with War*. She gave a brief description of what the exhibit will include and will focus on the 10–12-year-olds experience of daily life on the home front. She noted that the orientation will be the Eleanor Roosevelt address to the nation on her Sunday evening radio broadcast. Stevenson stated that the other major project was the renovation of the Bush Gallery. Design charettes for the project would begin in August. She noted that the exhibit update would be enhanced by improving visitor flow, offering interactive engagements, and creating immersive environments. Stevenson concluded by noting several of the ever-growing list of partnerships and alliances.

10. Casa Navarro Report

Bell said that conversations continued with the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, and UTSA. He noted that the Red Building is schedule to be demolished and THC would lease that land continuing all the way to San Pedro Creek. He said that the required easements were in place. Bell noted that the parking lot in front of the historic site was scheduled to be sold to UTSA in August, noting that UTSA was looking at options for THC to acquire a small portion of land in front of the historic site to develop a small parking lot. He concluded by saying that the donation of the Jose Navarro Statue is pending City Council approval.

11. Washington-on-the-Brazos Report

Bell stated that the Washington-on-the-Brazos Advisory Committee work is ongoing with stakeholder meetings having been held on May 18 and 19, 2022 to review the interpretive plan, exhibit design and infrastructure needs. He noted that the WOB Foundation was crafting a capital campaign plan. He briefly described the slides being shown stating that the design focus was on personalities and major events in the forming of the Republic. Bell noted that the double entry gate design was selected and was with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) for design modification and traffic standards. Bell concluded by

saying that the corporate and executive leadership program development continued with Texas A&M, the WOB Foundation, and Blinn College using the site and the revolution to highlight leadership qualities.

12. Levi Jordan Plantation Report

Bell said that the Advisory Committee met to review the updated exhibit 95 percent design concepts. During that meeting it was noted that a meeting is needed with Texas A&M Prairie View to discuss the project and their legislative authority to build a Texas African American Museum. The group wants to explore possible partnerships and project integration. Chairman John Nau noted that the Levi Jordan Advisory Committee just became aware of the statutory authority of Texas A&M Prairie View to become the home of a Texas African American Museum and that THC would need to work through this with Prairie View and the legislative authority. Bell also noted that Senator Rodney Ellis and a member of the Black Caucus made the request for a briefing on the project.

Bell stated that the Levi Jordan Learning Center opened on June 11 and had over 300 in attendance. He also noted that there were a dozen African American vendors on site. He concluded by saying that the ribbon cutting was attended by Senator Ellis and Sam Collins.

13. Deputy Executive Director of Historic Sites update

Bell began by saying that the management plan with the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association was completed. He said that staff were working with Battleship Texas Foundation on the ships August move. He noted that site staff was working with the Friends of the THC on grants for an archeology master plan for San Jacinto Battleground. He said that repairs on the elevator were wrapping up and that it was scheduled to be back in operation in August. He also noted that two new chillers have been installed. He continued saying that the retail team was working to install a new POS system and on crafting a new retail plan for the monument's store.

Bell noted that the new highway signs were being produced. Chairman Nau noted that the TXDOT is the sole provider for highway signs and directed staff to work on the design. Bell briefly gave a description of the possibilities for verbiage of the signs. Commissioners weighed in with their preferences and that information would be taken back to THC staff and TXDOT. These signs would eventually become the standard for all the THC interstate and highway signage.

Bell said that the San Jacinto cultural landscape report crafted in 2005 was under evaluation. The Gallagher and Associates team were looking at the report's recommendations and to update it to include identified critical events in the battle. The restoration of the battleground, Texian Camp, the North Shore, and the Old San Jacinto townsite were areas to be updated once the Battleship Texas has been moved and the slip filled in. Additions planned are to strengthen vehicle approach to new visitor center and improve parking.

The Texas Park and Wildlife Department Land and Water conservation grant for the Almonte Surrender Site was still under review by the National Park Service staff. Staff have asked for a waiver to move forward with the purchase of the land.

Bell said that at Caddo Mounds the material for the grass house construction had been harvested. The grass and timber were being prepared for construction and that volunteers and staff have commenced building.

Bell noted that the operating agreements had been drafted for both the Bush Family Home and Presidio La Bahia. He said that the deeds still need to be transferred on the Bush Family Home and that the agreement needs to be finalized. He further noted that the operating agreement for the Presidio was complete and went through the legal review from the Diocese and was nearly ready for OAG review.

Bell stated that the Joint Agency Facility Task Force members have provided feedback on the report required under Senate Bill 1177. Staff has been working with the Facilities Commission to get construction pricing completed on the proposed new facility. THC, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), and the Texas State Preservation Board (TSPB) are to be housed in the proposed multi-agency collections' storage facility. He said that the report recommendations have the new facility located at the TPWD campus in Austin. The building will be 50,714SF and will cost \$55.4M. Bell noted that two of the five agencies have declined participation in the new joint facility. The General Land Office (GLO) needs would be accommodated at the Alamo and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) would be expanding their facility on Shoal Creek Blvd. He said that the original cost was approaching \$180M for 250,000SF with all five agencies included. The remaining three agencies all have common collections needs and the adjusted facility footprint serves the collections storage and processing needs of the three smaller agencies for the next 10 years.

Bell said that projected leasing space cost could more than double in the next few years. He also noted that the current collection value is \$50.4 M.

Bell noted that the task force agencies boards and commissions report review would take place during July, August, and September with the final response due to the legislature in December. He also noted that Senator Birdwell would have a copy of the report for review in August.

Bell stated that the Multi Agency Searchable Public Database was still being developed by all five participating partner agencies along with the Department of Information Resources (DIR). He noted that the costs associated with the database range from \$26.3M to \$28.5M.

Bell noted that THC was contacted by the North Dakota SHPO concerning loaned artifacts suspected to be looted from Fort Pembina, a military site in North Dakota. Fort McKavett had these items on display in a temporary exhibit about uniform items used by the common soldier and are representative of what would have been used historically at Fort McKavett. The donor told site staff the items were initially recovered from private property with the owner's permission at the former site of Fort Pembina. The items were immediately removed from the exhibit at Fort McKavett and given back to the lender.

Bell noted that the annual dinner event at the National Museum of the Pacific War was well attended and remarkably interesting with General Joe Dunford and General Mike Hagee engaging in a conversation on current global threats.

Bell said that Inez Wolins will be joining the Historic Sites team on August 1, 2022, and provided a brief resume that included broad museum and cultural resource management experience. She had worked at the Winterthur Museum, Garden, and Library in Delaware as Director of Visitor Service; the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City as Chief Public Experience Officer; the National Park Service in Boston in charge of interpretation and education; and Autry Museum of the American West in Los Angeles as Senior Director of Education and Visitor Experience. Bell said that her focus would be working with staff to address daily business operations, Historic Sites' strategic planning, as well as our community engagement, visitor experience, interpretive, and detailing exhibit needs statewide.

14. Adjournment

At 5:05 pm, Chairman Crain asked for any other business to be brought before the committee. There being none, he stated without objection that the Historic Sites Committee meeting was adjourned.

Quarterly Report

Historic Sites Division
July–September 2022

OPERATIONS

Visitation and outreach at the sites this quarter was 188,872, a less than 1 percent decrease compared to this time last year. For the year, visitation and outreach was 752,627, a 22.9 percent increase compared to last year.

The management agreement with the San Jacinto Museum and Battlefield Association for the next fiscal year was approved and is in place.

The Washington-on-the Brazos project planning meeting occurred September 19 and 20. It was successful in refining the scope of the project for the Star of the Republic Museum, its sequencing, and timing. The meeting also addressed options on developing the town site and visitors center. The WOB Foundation, Blinn College, and Sen. Lois Kolkhorst's office participated.

The WOB foundation has begun its capital campaign. It has hired the Houston firm of Dini Spheris to assist with the fundraising. As of now, the foundation has \$1.2 million in commitments toward its \$10 million goal.

The Levi Jordan Plantation's African American Advisory Committee will be meeting October 6 to review the project status, budget, and scope to be addressed with the upcoming legislative session. The committee will also review future capital campaign planning needs.

Scott McMahan is scheduled to begin his position as site manager at the Presidio La Bahía SHS. The operating agreement is under OAG review, and we are planning to have it finalized by November 1.

Staff met with Foodworks and legal representatives to review the contract and address issues of concern. Staff is working to structure business operations at

the French Legation to bring professional event planning services to activate the rental program.

Staff met with the Blinn College/Star of the Republic Advisory Committee to identify funding opportunities to support programming and events at the Washington-on-the-Brazos SHS/Star of the Republic Museum.

Staff at Levi Jordan Plantation is working to finalize acquisition opportunities for additional land that may hold the remains of slave quarters and a cemetery.

The City of San Antonio has transferred ownership of the Navarro statue on Laredo Street to the THC. Discussions continue with UTSA on the purchase and development of the lots around Casa Navarro.

The Battleship Texas Foundation has completed the relocation of the ship to a drydock at Gulf Copper Shipyard in Galveston. Staff is working with engineers on work needed to infill the ship slip.

FRIENDS GROUPS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Communications continue with Friends groups and site staff via phone check-ins, site visits, and through the monthly e-newsletter, *First Friday News for Friends*.

Staff attend meetings of stakeholders involved with projects that impact historic sites and Friends groups, including the Interpretive Master Plan process at the Goodnight Ranch.

This quarter, the Friends Alliance Awards nominations opened, and staff is preparing nominations for consideration by the Friends of the THC's committee.

Quarterly updates were presented to the Friends of the THC's board of directors. At the quarterly meeting, the Nonprofit Administrative Rule 16.7 was also adopted.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Caddo Mounds: Persistent supply chain issues have delayed completion of the Caddo Cultural Center Phase I, now projected for completion in December.

Fanthorp Inn: An exterior preservation project for the inn to address window, roof, and siding deterioration will be posted for bids this fall.

Fort Griffin and Fort Lancaster: The ruins stabilization work at Fort Griffin and Fort Lancaster is complete.

Landmark Inn Dam: The engineers are in the design development phase for the preservation work at the Median River Dam.

Levi Jordan Plantation: The architectural design work for the museum and visitors center project is currently on hold pending Commission review and confirmation of the project scope.

Palmito Ranch Battlefield: The engineering design for the proposed elevated viewing platform is complete. The project remains on hold until a source of construction funds can be identified.

Sabine Pass: Repairs to the seawall began in September and will be completed in early 2023.

San Felipe de Austin: The solicitation documents for the Maintenance, Archeology and Retail Complex project are currently being reviewed by the OAG and will be posted for bids immediately following approval.

Varner-Hogg Plantation: The plantation house stabilization project was posted for bids in late September.

Washington-on-the-Brazos: HSD architectural staff is working with other disciplines to coordinate and administer the major exhibit and building renovation project at the site.

INTERPRETATION

History Behind the Scenes, a contractor, held its preliminary site visit for the Interpretive Master Plan for the Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight Ranch SHS, and their Preliminary Evaluation Report was received in early September.

The Interpretive Master Plan for Presidio La Bahía is being readvertised.

The major exhibit and interpretative re-envisioning/redesign project at Washington-on-the-Brazos/Star of the Republic Museum is proceeding, with bi-weekly meetings of the various sub-work groups. The keystone artifact list of Star of the Republic collections has been forwarded to the Gallagher & Associates team.

The Caddo Mounds exhibit refabrication is underway. All of the replicas created by Caddo tribal artisans have been received. Installation dates are delayed due to building construction issues.

The layout of the French Legation site guidebook has begun.

COLLECTIONS

Staff and a multi-agency cultural collections task force continue to work on collections facility and database initiatives mandated by SB 1177. The THC, TPWD, and TSPB will recommend a facility at the TPWD headquarters in Austin. An interim summary of progress and recommendations will be forwarded to Sen. Birdwell's office for review.

Staff worked with site staff and the chief of interpretation to create the exhibit object list for the Star of the Republic Museum's exhibit designers.

TPWD continues the transfer of infrastructure records to the THC's Austin collections facility. This transfer increases the need for collections space by 30 percent by 2023.

Collections staff is working with San Jacinto Battleground staff to complete a physical inventory and condition assessment of museum collections.

Staff received a Save America's Treasures grant for a "Collections Stewardship through Community Curation" program. This project will use Fanthorp Inn, Varner-Hogg Plantation, and San Felipe de Austin as the first set of sites for the program.

Staff continues to implement an NPS Save America's Treasures grant for the processing of the archeological collection at Mission Dolores SHS. The Mission Dolores historic ceramics, macro botanical remains, and faunal collections are currently undergoing analysis.

HISTORIC SITES - VISITATION / OUTREACH - FY2022

	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	TOTAL
Acton													0
Caddo Mounds	441	520	327	190	184	209	589	376	456	446	260	136	4,134
Casa Navarro	209	467	845	87	297	256	568	586	173	173	106	192	3,959
Confederate Reunion Grounds	67	48	66	38	30	58	96	153	119	60	148	47	930
Eisenhower Birthplace	711	1,700	991	598	540	717	1,131	1,374	1,138	997	940	708	11,545
Fannin Battleground	33	136	142	67	129	139	139	118	78	144	135	37	1,297
Fanthorp Inn	103	501	248	57	80	71	336	202	288	114	343	120	2,463
Fort Griffin	1,130	2,535	3,599	15,348	298	203	1,038	9,263	902	1,063	437	219	36,035
Fort Lancaster	135	151	143	102	118	112	437	198	667	200	172	120	2,555
Fort McKavett	339	625	872	303	211	885	1,187	394	1,318	264	249	278	6,925
French Legation	0	0	0	46	67	247	610	474	605	1,042	654	464	4,209
Fulton Mansion	759	971	671	1,185	1,242	1,182	1,789	1,487	1,076	1,908	2,545	1,189	16,004
Goodnight Ranch	293	201	134	88	67	74	282	227	227	496	335	202	2,626
Landmark Inn	472	298	373	445	261	593	454	789	624	1,529	499	344	6,681
Levi Jordan	26	15	20	0	23	152	8	116	116	391	1,171	425	2,463
Lipantitlan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Magoffin Home	340	393	284	275	124	188	408	309	358	350	342	210	3,581
Mission Dolores	74	352	213	56	64	50	57	117	108	194	88	53	1,426
Kreische Brewery/Monument Hill	1,008	2,690	1,026	3,413	809	646	1,383	1,255	1,870	758	833	799	16,490
Ntl Museum of the Pacific	7,185	9,495	11,318	10,185	7,480	8,985	21,478	18,568	16,512	13,952	14,389	7,294	146,841
Port Isabel Lighthouse	3,894	0	9,519	3,883	2,851	2,380	6,184	3,835	9,166	9,547	13,334	7,626	72,219
Sabine Pass Battleground	1,328	1,235	1,236	466	420	279	684	748	647	647	1,117	414	9,221
Sam Bell Maxey	139	651	95	94	55	60	97	213	125	221	253	109	2,112
Sam Rayburn House	169	67	216	120	52	93	108	118	384	224	295	67	1,913
San Felipe de Austin	402	965	1,851	746	979	1,028	1,920	1,464	1,153	674	625	263	12,070
San Jacinto Battleground	17,271	19,074	24,009	23,008	15,979	14,409	29,723	22,232	20,109	15,374	21,638	20,230	243,056
San Jacinto Monument	2,435	2,091	1,984	2,988	1,431	1,849	5,561	4,323	3,764	3,212	3,442	5,708	38,788
Starr Family Home	566	183	193	131	154	82	91	79	525	126	303	279	2,712
Varner-Hogg Plantation	260	847	2,329	178	412	256	1,427	2,329	462	1,271	705	2,188	12,664
Washington-on-the-Brazos Complex*	5,105	2,182	7,653	4,443	5,366	8,330	13,701	19,832	2,680	7,599	6,026	4,791	87,708
Monthly totals	44,894	48,393	70,357	68,540	39,723	43,533	91,486	91,179	65,650	62,976	71,384	54,512	752,627
Quarterly totals			163,644			151,796			248,315			188,872	

* The WOB Complex consists of Washington-on-the-Brazos, Star of the Republic Museum, Independence Hall, and Barrington Plantation.

Sites not listed: Old Socorro
Mission and Palmito Ranch
Battlefield, Presidio La Bahia

**Historic Sites Division
Architectural Capital Project Status**

9/30/2022

PROJECT			DESIGN						CONSTRUCTION				
Site	Project	Budget (incl. design fees & const.) projected or actual	Consultant selected	Design contract executed	Consultant	Schematic Design	Design Dev.	Const. Docs.	Bidding	Contractor selected	Contractor	Const. contract executed	Construction (% complete)
Caddo Mounds	Visitor Center - Phase 1	\$2,500,000	√	√	Richter Architects	√	√	√	√	√	Garrett & Associates	√	65%
Sabine Pass	Seawall Repairs	\$560,000	√	√	LJA Engineering	√	√	√	√	√	McInnis Construction, Inc.	√	0%
Varner-Hogg Plantation	Plantation House Stabilization and Exterior Preservation	\$624,000	√	√	WJE Engineering	√	√	√	in progress				
Landmark Inn	Medina River Dam Repairs	\$750,000	√	√	Freese & Nichols	√	in progress						
Fanthorp Inn	Exterior Preservation	\$900,000	in house	N/A	HSD	√	√	in progress					
San Felipe de Austin	Maintenance, Archeology, and Retail Support (MARS) Complex	\$1,500,000	in progress										
Levi Jordan Plantation	New Visitor Center		√	√	Richter Architects	in progress							11%
Palmito Ranch Battlefield	Observation Platform	\$400,000	√	√	Chanin Engineering	√	√	√	ON HOLD				

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 14.2
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
October 17-18, 2022

Consider approval of the updates to the Historic Sites Fee Structure for the Bush Family Home and Presidio La Bahia State Historic Sites

Background

Historic Sites has assessed current fee structures against market pricing at other historic sites statewide. The attached fee structure is an update to the Historic Sites' admission fees, which now include the two newest sites, the Bush Family Home and Presidio La Bahia State Historic Sites.

Suggested Motion (Committee):

Move that the committee send forward to the Commission and recommend approval of the update to the Historic Sites Fee Structure.

Suggested Motion (Commission):

Move to approve the update to the Historic Sites Fee Structure.

Historic Sites Admission Fees

Site	Adults	Children 6 to 18 and college students	Tour Groups	Children 5 and under	School groups (per student)	Grounds use self-guided outdoor tour only	Senior/Vet Fee	Family Fee (2 adults and 1 children) or (1 adult and two children)	each additional child/adult	Blue Star Program/ Active military with IDs	Notes:
Caddo Mounds	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Casa N/Avarro	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Confederate Reunion Grounds	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	\$2	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Eisenhower Birthplace	\$6	\$4	\$4	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$5	\$12	\$1	FREE	Fees (not tour or school groups) will give access to both EBP and SRH.
Fort Griffin	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Fort Lancaster	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Fort McKavett	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Landmark Inn	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Sam Bell Maxey House	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Sam Rayburn House Museum	\$6	\$4	\$4	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$5	\$12	\$1	FREE	Fees (not tour or school groups) will give access to both EBP and SRH.
Starr Family Home	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Mission Dolores	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Kreische Brewery/Monument Hill	\$4	\$3	\$3	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$3	\$8	\$1	FREE	
Fanthorp Inn	\$4	\$2	\$4	FREE	\$2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	FREE	Suggested doN/Ation
Acton	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Fannin Battleground	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
San Jacinto Battleground	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	FREE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Levi Jordan Plantation	\$10	\$5	\$4	Free	\$1	N/A	\$8	\$20	\$1	FREE	Fees will give access to both LJP and VHP
Levi Jordan Plantation	\$50 per hour for Classroom										
Levi Jordan Plantation	\$100 per day per bedroom										
Levi Jordan Plantation	\$1000 per day if entire facility is rented										
Levi Jordan Plantation	\$200 per person per day for Public Archeology Program										
Magoffin Home	\$7	\$4	\$4	FREE	\$1	\$2	\$6	\$14	\$1	FREE	
Varner-Hogg Plantation	\$10	\$5	\$4	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$8	\$20	\$1	FREE	Fees will give access to both LJP and VHP
Fulton Mansion	\$7	\$4	\$4	FREE	\$1	N/A	\$6	\$14	\$1	FREE	
Washington-on-the-Brazos	\$8	\$5	\$6	FREE	\$2 for single site/\$5 for all 3 sites	N/A	\$7	\$20	\$1	FREE	
San Felipe de Austin	\$10	\$5	\$10/\$8	FREE	\$4	N/A	\$8	\$1	\$0	FREE	local resident discout \$8 adults/\$7 vets

OVERNIGHT ENTRY FEES

Site	Full Hookup	Primitive Camping	Overnight Rooms	Vehicle entry fee					Notes:	
Presidio La Bahia			Parade Ground, 9 am-10pm - \$500; Parade Ground, each hour after 10pm - \$75; Barracks - \$400; Museum after hours - \$150; Guest Quarters per night - \$230							
Sabine Pass					\$5 per vehicle/\$3 Senior-Vet					