

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Item 16.2
Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
October 23-24, 2018

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 **Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2020:

Architecture and Landscape Architecture, Education, 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 **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 2020 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
Aug. 2019	Marker applications posted to website	Sept. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019	Application period for new markers. \$100 fee benefiting undertold markers now due with application.
Sep. 1 – Nov. 15, 2019	Staff processes and scores all applications		
Oct. 2019	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2021.		
		Nov. 16-29, 2019	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
		Nov. 29, 2019	Final day to submit missing or deficient components
Dec. 10, 2019	RTHL scoring meeting with DOA staff		
Jan. 2020	Commissioners review and comment on 2019 marker topics at quarterly meeting		
By Feb. 3, 2020	Staff sends out payment vouchers to approved topics	Mar. 20, 2020	Marker fee is due for all marker applications
Apr. 2020 – Aug. 2020	Staff gives workshops and webinars on successful marker applications and other topics		
		May 1 – Jun. 15, 2020	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 2020.