

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Texas Historical Commission
Quarterly Meeting
May 8-14, 2020

Consider Approval of Work Plan for 2021 Official Texas Historical Markers

Recommendations for 2021: For new historical markers to be considered for calendar year 2021, staff recommends application period dates of **March 1 – May 15, 2021**. This will allow sufficient time to score and rank all new applications. Staff recommends the following thematic priorities for 2021: **The Arts, Civil Rights topics, and Science and Technology**. 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 2022 shall proceed by the following work plan schedule:

INTERNAL THC DATES		EXTERNAL CHC/SPONSOR DATES	
Feb. 2021	Marker applications posted to website	March 1 – May 15, 2021	Application period for new markers (due by 2 pm CDT)
		May 17, 2021	\$100 fee benefiting Undertold markers due by 2pm CDT
March 1 – May 15, 2021	Staff processes and scores all applications		
April 2021	Commissioners select application dates, priority themes and number of markers to be processed for 2023		
		May 16-29, 2021	Public comment period for new topics (posted on website and social media)
		May 29, 2021	Final day to submit missing or deficient components
June 2021	RTHL Meeting with DOA staff and scoring meeting with DDs, Admin staff		
July 2021	Commissioners review and comment on 2021 marker topics at quarterly meeting		
By August 2, 2021	Staff sends out payment vouchers to recommended topics	By September 16, 2021	Marker fee is due for all marker applications by 5pm CDT
Oct. 2021 – Feb. 2022	Staff gives workshops and webinars on successful marker applications and other topics		
		Oct. 1 – Nov. 15, 2021	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 2021.