

**DRAFT - MINUTES  
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 8:33am.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Jesús Najar  
Commissioner Christi Sims  
Commissioner Thomas Tumlinson  
Vice-Chair Nathan Feingold  
Chair Teresa Johnson

The following Commissioners were absent:

Commissioner Justin Ball  
Commissioner Jillian Bliss  
Commissioner Lynn Norvell  
Commissioner Susan Sonier

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A) Approval of the February 10, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

**Motion by Commissioner Sims, seconded by Commissioner Tumlinson, to approve the February 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).**

**4. CITIZENS' COMMUNICATIONS**

*This time is for citizens to address the Historic Landmark Commission on issues and items of concerns not on this agenda. There will be no Historic Landmark Commission action at this time.*

**No one spoke.**

**5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

A) Case DM2026-0262: Discuss and consider local historic landmark eligibility and potential options for the property located at 533 North Houston Street in response to a demolition permit application.

**Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.**

Chair Johnson asked if there were any questions for staff.

Brief discussion followed on the history of previous owners of the property.

Chair Johnson invited the applicant to speak on the item.

Rumaldo Aguirre introduced himself and stated he was present to answer any questions.

Discussion followed on the condition of the home and the potential for preservation, restoration costs and timelines, a brief history of the area, and potential actions of the Commission in response to the demolition permit submittal.

Further discussion followed regarding the possibility of postponing a final decision to the following regular meeting of the Commission, project costs and available tax incentives if preserved, and the intended use of the property.

Katie Totman read comments provided by Commissioner Ball (absent), and further discussed options regarding postponement.

Chair Johnson opened the public hearing and asked if anyone present wished to speak on the item.

No one spoke.

Chair Johnson closed the public hearing.

Chair Johnson asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.

Motion by Commissioner Tumlinson, seconded by Commissioner Sims, to postpone consideration of the item until the next regular meeting of the Commission on April 14, 2026. Motion carried unanimously (5-0-0).

## **6. STAFF/HLC UPDATES**

A) Updates from the Downtown Board

Mandi Scott provided updates from the Downtown Board, discussing

ongoing and planned efforts to modernize downtown parking through managed and paid programs, improve accessibility and employee parking, and reinvest parking revenue into infrastructure and amenities, while also highlighting transit initiatives, event shuttles, and streetscape projects aimed at enhancing mobility, safety, and visitor experience;

She further outlined upcoming planning efforts including street and utility design standards, curb management policies, arts and culture initiatives, and feasibility studies for major civic projects, alongside updates on current construction, downtown developments, and pedestrian improvements.

One individual in attendance spoke favorably of the presentation.

B) Comal County Historical Commission General Updates

Chair Johnson provided updates from the Comal County Historic Commission discussing the Central New Braunfels Historic District's recent addition to the National Register of Historic Places, intent to host a workshop on tax incentives and credits for the public, and the pursuit of additional historical marker designations.

Chair Johnson opened the floor for public comment.

One individual spoke regarding the potential for a historical marker for the property currently addressed 511 E North St.

Chair Johnson closed public comment.

Chair Johnson reopened the hearing for item 5A) - DM2026-0262.

Brief discussion followed on potential next steps for the applicant, and the creation of supporting resources for future applicants regarding the process of historic preservation.

Chair Johnson closed the hearing of item 5A) - DM2026-0262.

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:33am.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSION CHAIR

**Attest:**

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