

**FINAL - MINUTES
OF THE NEW BRAUNFELS HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Feingold called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

2. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners were present:

Commissioner Ball

Commissioner Bliss

Commissioner Norvell

Commissioner Sims

Commissioner Sonier

Commissioner Tumlinson

Vice-Chair Feingold

The following Commissioners were absent:

Commissioner Najar

Chair Johnson

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) Approval of the December 9, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Motion by Commissioner Norvell, seconded by Commissioner Ball, to approve the December 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously (7-0-0).

Brief discussion followed regarding clarity of the meeting minutes.

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 individuals spoke.

5. INDIVIDUAL ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A) ORD25-370 Public hearing and recommendation to City Council on proposed amendments to the City's Code of Ordinances in Chapter 66

Historic Preservation, Section 66-57.1, Incentives
Katie Totman introduced the aforementioned item.

Vice-Chair Feingold asked if there were any questions for staff.

Discussion followed on clarity of the proposed amendments, appraisal district registration requirements, applicability of tax exemptions, and filing responsibility for incentives.

Katie Totman elaborated on the request discussing historic preservation tax incentives, impacts to city tax revenue, coordination with Guadalupe and Comal County appraisal districts, and potential waivers for permitting and inspection fees.

Discussion followed on public outreach and awareness of incentives, concerns about owning property in historic districts, differences between historic districts and individual historic landmarks, and the structure of tax reductions and freezes.

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

No individuals spoke on the item.

Vice-Chair Feingold closed the public hearing.

Vice-Chair Feingold asked if there were any further discussion or motion to be made.

Discussion followed on aligning incentives for historic landmarks and historic districts, encouraging historic designation over redevelopment, and the incorporation of proposed amendments into the future Land Development Ordinance (LDO).

Motion by Commissioner Sonier, seconded by Commissioner Norvell, to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to City Council. Motion passed unanimously (7-0-0).

6. STAFF UPDATES

Discussion followed on community outreach and engagement opportunities with the Commission, and educational initiatives to promote awareness of preservation processes, incentives, and

maintaining community character amid growth.

A) Coffee with Commissioners

7. COMAL COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION UPDATES

No updates were provided from the Comal County Historical Commission.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Vice-Chair Feingold adjourned the meeting at 9:31am.