

Legislation Text

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SUBJECT:

Approval of a resolution in support of the Comal County Historical Commission to obtain National Register of Historic Places designation for the property located at 500 Main Plaza, a local historic landmark known as the New Braunfels Main Plaza.

BACKGROUND / RATIONALE:

The Comal County Historical Commission is interested in pursuing a project to list the subject property in the National Register of Historic Places. The property known as Main Plaza has been determined eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places by the Texas Historical Commission. The inclusion of this property in the National Register of Historic Places would increase awareness of the significance of the plaza and its history as well as the importance of Historic Preservation.

The inclusion of this property in the National Register of Historic Places would not place any new restrictions on the use or maintenance of the property. As a local landmark, the structure is currently subject to local regulations on its exterior alterations and maintenance in accordance with the City's Historic Landmark Preservation Ordinance. Additionally, restrictions and regulations impacting the building at the state and federal level are triggered by the structure's eligibility for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (which is currently established) rather than its listing in the register. These existing regulations include the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

ADDRESSES A NEED/ISSUE IN A CITY PLAN OR COUNCIL PRIORITY:

City Plan/Council Priority: Envision New Braunfels Comprehensive Plan	Action 2.2: Prioritize areas that are best suited for conservation and preservation.
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FISCAL IMPACT:

N/A

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:

The Historic Landmark Commission held a public hearing on August 13, 2019 and voted to recommend support for the resolution (7-0-0, Commissioners Poss and Feingold were absent).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval.