

# Schertz Historical Preservation Committee



## Annual Report

Calendar Year 2019

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#### A. Committee Calendar Year 2020 Objective Statement

## Executive Summary

The Schertz Historical Preservation Committee's (SHPC) Calendar Year (CY) 2019 objectives included the following general topic areas: 1) historic recognition projects 2) advancement of the City's "historic narrative" through publications and public appearances, and, 3) joint organizational initiatives.

The Committee's "Landmark Property" "Heritage Neighborhood" designation program slowed appreciably in 2019 due primarily to prior years designation of thirty Landmark Properties and two Heritage Neighborhood designations. The Committee's nomination of the former Comal Settlement neighborhood (now North Schertz area) for Heritage Neighborhood selection was favorably acted upon by Schertz City Council bringing the number of designated Heritage Neighborhoods to three.

Publication projects have included four quarterly newsletters and six Remembrances Special Edition Articles. The Committee's 2019 "Looking Back" feature appeared in each monthly edition of *Schertz Magazine*. 2019 Sales of the Committee-produced local history books continued throughout the year.

A joint Committee/Schertz, Cibolo, Universal City Independent School District (SCUCISD) Student Art/Essay Contest was successfully completed in the 2018/2019 school year. An appropriate student winner recognition ceremony was held at the December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 City Council meeting. The Committee participated with historic educational exhibits at the Schertz City Volunteer Open House event. Sister historical society contacts continued during the year with the Riedisheim, France Historical Society. The Committee has maintained contact with the Schertz City Council Main Street Subcommittee in its planning for restoration/improvements for the Main Street area.

The City Council's resolution of the Committee's artifacts/property disposition issues via a December 2018 Council resolution provided significant relief for a long-standing inventory/storage problem faced by the Committee. All previously owned property/artifacts/photographs, etc. have been transferred to the custody of the Cibolo Valley Community Museum Association.

The Committee has accomplished its objectives for calendar year 2019 and looks forward to continuing the progress into 2020.

## Membership

The Committee is authorized fourteen members. Committee strength varied between twelve and fourteen and rests at fourteen at the close of 2019. The membership quality remains high and enthusiasm is ever present among members. The Clemens High School History Club has continued participation as an associate member group under the leadership of Clemens History Club School Advisor Mark Anthony Thornton. Brian James, Schertz Executive Director participated in all committee meetings and offered excellent counsel and advice throughout the year. Officers for CY 2019 included: Chairperson–Elizabeth Strong and Vice Chairman–Dean Weirtz.

## Resource Management and Control

This inventory of Committee resources (photos, furniture, artifacts, documents) was transferred to other entities during 2019 per authorization given by City Council Resolution 18-R-151, dated December 11, 2019.

## Committee Goals and Objectives 2019

Appendix A of the Committee’s CY 2018 Annual Report set forth goals and objectives for the Committee to pursue in CY 2019. The goals and the results achieved are set forth below:

### Goal #1 – Historic Recognition Projects

*Pursue identification, research and designation of potentially eligible Landmark and Heritage Neighborhood properties within the City and its ETJ.* **RESULT:** The Committee had only one nomination carryover submission for historic property designation during the year. The submission was for designation of the former Comal Settlement area (now North Schertz territory) as a “Heritage Neighborhood”. The justification for such a designation was particularly strong. The City Council acted favorably on the nomination.

### Goal #2 – Historic Publication Projects

*Continue research and publication of quarterly Remembrances Newsletters, Remembrances Special Edition Articles.* **RESULT:** Four newsletters and six Remembrances Special Edition Articles were published. Sales of the Committee published local history books continued throughout the year. Twelve installments of “Looking Back” features were published in *Schertz Magazine* and another installment of twelve issues for 2020 were submitted for publication. The Committee has begun exploring the possibility of beginning pod cast activities in the year 2020.

### Goal #3 – Joint Committee/Student/Community Outreach Initiatives

*Continue development of joint outreach initiatives involving youth/student and community organizations.* **RESULT:** A School District/Committee sponsored student history art/essay contest was judged by Committee members and School District representatives. The contest winner's award ceremony was held at City Council's December 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2019 meeting. The Committee showed historic exhibits at the City of Schertz Volunteer Open House event. The Committee offered recommendations to the City Council Main Street Project Committee. There were recurring consultations between Committee representatives and representatives of the Cibolo Valley Community Museum Association with regards to the latter organization's efforts to produce a Cibolo Valley Museum venue and a mini railroad static exhibit feature at 1052 FM 78. The Committee continued its contacts with our sister historical society in Riedisheim, France.

## Fiscal Matters

The Committee's budget cycle is the same as the City of Schertz (October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>). The only revenue generator is derived from book sales. Budget expenses and revenues for Calendar year 2019 were as follows:

### Annual as of December 31, 2020

<u>ALLOCATED</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
\$11,750.00	\$1,006.00	\$836.62 (Book sales)

### FY 2019-2020 - Quarterly as of December 31, 2020

\$11,750.00	\$169.00	\$23.12
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## APPENDIX A

### Schertz Historical Preservation Committee Calendar Year 2020 Objectives

#### Recognition Projects

#1 Pursue identification research and designation of potentially eligible “Landmark” and Heritage Neighborhood” properties within the City and its ETJ

#### Publication Projects

#1 Continue research and publication of quarterly Committee REMEMBRANCES Newsletters and REMEMBRANCES Special Edition articles

#2 Publish the Calendar Year 2020 Annual Report

#### Outreach Initiatives

#1 Continue development of the youth/student involvement initiatives (Essay & Art Contest)

#2 Assist the Cibolo Valley Community Museum Association with projects designed to promote area historic preservation/education/restoration projects

#3 Collaborate with Schertz City Council Subcommittee on the Main Street Project

#4 Participate in promotional events such as the Schertz Volunteer Open House, etc.