



COUNTY OF EL PASO
COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION



SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL RETREAT
11:00 A.M., SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020
LOS PORTALES MUSEUM
1521 SAN ELIZARIO RD.
SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS 79849

- 1. OPEN MEETING**
- 2. PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE – UNITED STATES AND TEXAS**
- 3. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL**

At the time of roll call, 14 commissioners were present: Commissioners Bare, Borrego, Calamia, Chaparro, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Howe, Kanof, Kidney, McCue, McKenzie, Roman, Sutherland, and Welch.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

REGULAR AGENDA

- 5. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION REGARDING HISTORIC PRESERVATION, TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION STANDARDS AND COUNTY STRATEGIC GOALS. FURTHERMORE, TO CONDUCT A PROJECT WORK SESSION REGARDING HISTORICAL COMMISSION GOALS AND TASKS.**

Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator; Presented by County Staff

Community historian Ronald Leiman provided a presentation THC goals and objectives. County Economic Development Staff provided a presentation on Commissioners Court goals and objectives. The Commission took a brief tour of the San Elizario Historic District, focusing on the Casa Ronquillo Restoration Project currently underway.

The Historical Commission conducted a series of roundtable discussions in small groups. The group was tasked with determining three major project areas or initiatives they would like to take on, in addition to work product expected per the Texas Historical Commission and County goals and objectives. As part of the strategic planning, the EPCHC will develop one, and three year timelines for completion of project phases for the following key areas:

- Infrastructure
- Wayfinding signage
- Rebranding El Paso County as the “Birthplace of the Southwest”

6. RECEIVE AND DISCUSS INFORMATION REGARDING THE COUNTY OF EL PASO’S VARIOUS DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES TO INCLUDE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT, COUNTY ATTORNEYS OFFICE, AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION.

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The County Attorneys Office provided a refresher on the Open Meetings Act. Chief Administrator Betsy Keller addressed the Group on Commissioners Court and County goals and objectives.