



**COUNTY OF EL PASO**  
**COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**



**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**  
**4:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020**  
**EL PASO COUNTY COURTHOUSE**  
**LAW LIBRARY ARCHIVE ROOM, 12TH FLOOR**  
**500 E. SAN ANTONIO**  
**EL PASO, TEXAS 79901**

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

At the time of roll call, 12 Commissioners were present: Commissioners Bare, Calamia, Gonzalez, Hamilton, Howe, Kanof, Kidney, McCue, McKenzie, Roman, Sutherland, and Welch.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2019.**
- B. ACCEPT THE REPORT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE.**
- C. ACCEPT THE REPORT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE HISTORICAL MARKERS COMMITTEE**
- D. ACCEPT THE REPORT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION TRAIL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE.**
- E. ACCEPT THE REPORT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE.**

Commissioner Sutherland requested to pull the Outreach Committee Report from the Consent Agenda for discussion. Commissioner Calamia requested to pull the Minutes for the November 12 Regular Meeting from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roman to accept Consent Agenda Items B, C, and D. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bare. Motion Carried by a 12-0-0 Vote.

A discussion took place with regards to the Outreach Committee Report and the Meeting Minutes of the November 14 Regular Meeting.

Commissioner Sutherland made a motion to accept the Outreach Committee Report and Minutes of the November 14 Regular Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Kanof. Motion Carried by a vote of 12-0-0.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

**6. REVIEW THE EPCHC BUDGET REPORT AND DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON BUDGET REQUESTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021.**

---Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator

A discussion took place regarding current and future funding and projects. Betsy Keller provided insight as to the County's goals in holding the line on operational budget requests for the new fiscal year.

No action taken.

*Commissioner Borrego arrived at 4:12 pm.*

**7. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ALLOCATE EDUCATIONAL FUNDS TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF EL PASO HISTORY DVDS IN ADDITION TO THE LIST OF REFERENCE BOOKS APPROVED FOR HISTORY DAY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UTEP HISTORY DEPARTMENT AND AREA PARTICIPATING HIGH SCHOOLS.**

--Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator; Presented by Commissioner Sutherland.

A motion to allocate educational funds for the purchase of 10 El Paso History DVDs was made by Commissioner Howe and seconded by Commissioner McKenzie. Motion carried with a vote of 13-0-0.

**8. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE EL PASO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION JANUARY 25 STRATEGIC RETREAT.**

---Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator

No action taken.

**9. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ORGANIZE A TASK FORCE THROUGH THE MISSION TRAIL DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE, INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-COMMITTEE. TASK FORCE**

**WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COLLABORATING WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THE COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COHESIVE DESIGN AND PLAN FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND INSTALLATION OF DIRECTIONAL SIGNAGE FOR THE MISSION TRAIL TOURST AREA.**

---Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator

County staff provided information as to the goals of the project in light of Hotel Occupancy Tax limitations on expenditures and County initiatives and plans towards implementation of the Mission Trail Comprehensive Masterplan.

No action taken.

**10. DISCUSS AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO REESTABLISH THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE AS A MEANS OF ADDRESSING ISSUES OF CONCERN TO THE COUNTY OF EL PASO AS RELATED TO HERITAGE TOURISM. FURTHER, ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE WITHIN THE PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS CONCERNS WITHIN THE STATE HOTEL OCCUPANCY AS APPLIES TO EL PASO, A COUNTY UNDER SPECIAL RULES AND SPECIAL AUTHORITY.**

---Submitted by Valerie Venecia, Heritage Tourism Coordinator

County staff elaborated on what such a task force would look like, keeping in mind the research would take place through the County's legislative liaison, and the task force would assist with advocacy and recommendations.

No action taken.

**11. ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:18 pm by Commissioner Howe that was seconded by Commissioner Hamilton.