

# Hays County Historical Commission

## Application for Appointment

The purpose of the Hays County Historical Commission is to promote the preservation of Hays County's historic and cultural resources. Activities include: researching historical topics; the review of Official Texas Historical Markers; continuing a program of the survey of historic resources and nominations to the National Register of Historic Places; cemetery preservation; an oral history program; and promoting public awareness of the importance of our history to the future of Hays County through a variety of programs.

The Hays County Historical Commission operates two museums: The Courthouse Museum in the historic Hays County Courthouse in San Marcos and the Kyle Railroad Depot and Heritage Center in Kyle. Plans are underway to open a new museum in the Historic Old Hays County Jail, located in San Marcos, in the near future. Volunteer docents are always welcome to participate in these programs which are not limited to only the members of the Hays County Historical Commission.

Applications are to be received electronically or postmarked no later than ***December 16, 2022***.

The Hays County Commissioners Court appoints members for a two-year term (2023-2024). The number of appointees may be limited.

### **Requirements of Membership in the Hays County Historical Commission:**

- Have a demonstrated interest in historic preservation and a working knowledge of local history.
- Must be able to attend monthly meetings on a regular basis (usually in the evening of every fourth Thursday). In addition, members must participate on at least two committees is required.
- Expected to take an active role in the activities of the commission, including attending preservation education opportunities and site visits to historic properties around the county.
- Have access to the Internet and be able to send and receive emails.
- Applicant/Appointee must live in Hays County.

### **Expectations of Members from the Hays County Historical Commission:**

- Members must respect this appointment and will appropriately represent county government.
- If a member does not maintain respectful behavior, the member will be removed.
- Members must be a positive influence for preservation in Hays County and throughout the state.
- Members must be willing to work and partner with people and organizations in constructive ways.
- Members must promote a diverse interpretation of all county historic and cultural resources. HCHC members should not view their appointment as a time to prioritize personal or family-related interests.
- Members must ensure information collected will be accessible in the future. Research by members is for the benefit of the public at large and should be accessible to all.
- This appointment will be a serious commitment of your time. Members who miss 3 meetings within a 12-month period are subject to removal by the Hays County Commissioners Court.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include cell phone) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

County Commissioner's Name and Precinct in which you live:

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Length of residency in Hays County \_\_\_\_\_

Have you served on a county historical commission, a city local historic preservation commission or another non-profit historic preservation organization before? If so, please indicate the name, location and for how long you served?

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**IMPORTANT:**

**Attach a brief statement**, no longer than 1 page, explaining why you are interested in serving on the Hays County Historical Commission. **Please include any experience in history or historic preservation and any professional or occupational skills, as well as prior experience serving on county historical commissions. Personal references will not be considered.**

*Thank you for your interest in the Hays County Historical Commission!*

**Please send your application by December 16, 2022, to:**

Hays County Historical Commission  
c/o Patrick "Hoot" Gipson, Application Committee Chair  
1169 Violet Lane  
Kyle, Texas 78640

Or

Patrick "Hoot" Gipson <hootpg@gmail.com>