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One step closer to demolition ordinance

Planning & Zoning approves ordinance recommendation for historic demolitions

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When it comes to demolitions of historic buildings, San Marcos is a step closer to having a permanent ordinance to delay certain demolitions.

On Tuesday evening, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted 8-1 to approve a draft alternative ordinance generated by

City Staff regarding demolition of certain historic-aged buildings. The ordinance will place a 90-day delay on the issuance of demolition permits to certain historic buildings or parts thereof.

The ordinance was created by staff at the request of P&Z in order to compare it to the Historic Preservation Commission's proposed draft ordinance.

HPC's draft ordinance — passed

on Aug. 28 — proposed a process that requires eligible properties go before the Historic Preservation Commission for a public hearing for consideration as a local landmark. In addition to the public hearing requirement, eligible applicants would be required to facilitate a Neighborhood Presentation Meeting to discuss the proposed demolition.

Eligible properties, according to HPC's draft ordinance, would include buildings or parts thereof 50 years or older if located outside of the boundaries of the My Historic

SMTX survey, the City's historical resources survey. If inside the survey — which was adopted by City Council on Sept. 3 — buildings or parts thereof evaluated with a high or medium preservation priority would be eligible for the demolition review process, as well as properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, or designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark.

The alternative draft ordinance, written by staff, modifies applicability when outside of the boundaries of the historic resources

survey. The alternate ordinance removes the requirement for all buildings or parts thereof aged 50-years or older to go through a public hearing process. Instead, the draft ordinance only applies to buildings or parts thereof located within My Historic SMTX boundaries and evaluated as high or medium preservation priority, or buildings or parts thereof located outside My Historic SMTX boundaries that are listed on the National Register of Historic

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City to host final 'Party in Your Park' event of 2019



The City of San Marcos will host its final "Party in Your Park" event on Friday from 5-8 p.m. at Eddie Durham Park — 205 Martin Luther King Dr. Photo by the City of San Marcos

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Free fun, games and healthy snacks and refreshments will be available at

San Marcos' final "Party in Your Park" event this year. On Friday, Oct. 11 from 5-8 p.m. at the Ed-

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ALERRT Center receives \$8.6 million grant from justice department



Police officers from the San Marcos Police Department go through hostage training at Texas State University's Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center during a training session in July. Daily Record photo by Gerald Castillo

STAFF REPORTS

The U.S. Department of Justice has awarded Texas State University's Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center a multi-million dollar grant.

The ALERRT Center has received an \$8.7 million grant from the DOJ's Com-

munity Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS) program, Texas State announced Tuesday afternoon.

The grant will help ALERRT's Integrated Response Training Program, which provides training throughout the U.S. to im-

prove rapid response to active shooter events

"This grant will allow us to prepare law enforcement, fire and EMS personnel across the country to respond to active shooter events through integrated training," Executive Director of the ALERRT Center Pete Blair said in a statement.

The DOJ's PASS program is arranged to expand public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and first responders to safely and effectively handle active shooter and violent threats, Texas State said in a

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SMA student receives essay award from LBJ Museum



Lauren Hurst, a 7th grade Texas History student at the San Marcos Academy receives the first place prize of \$100 from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos. From left to right, are Teacher Karen Wyatt, Wayne Kraemer, Lauren Hurst, Dr. Ed Mihalkanin, and Tommy Curtis. Daily Record photo by Nick Castillo.

Lauren Hurst, a 7th grade Texas History student at the San Marcos Academy receives the first place prize of \$100 from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Museum of San Marcos for her winning essay on the theme, "From Texas to the Moon: LBJ's

Influence on the U.S. Space Program." Her essay is on display at the museum. She was honored at the museum's Fall Lecture featuring a talk by Dr. George W.S. Abbey, former head of NASA • Submitted by the LBJ Museum

Texas State to hold lecture on 'Democracy Through the Rule of Law'

STAFF REPORTS

A former magistrate for the Federal Electoral Commission of Mexico will deliver a lecture at Texas State University on Thursday.

Manuel González Oropeza, a professor of law and former magistrate for the

Federal Electoral Commission of Mexico, will present a lecture, "Democracy Through the Rule of Law" inside Derrick Hall, room 108, from 4-6 p.m.

Oropeza will speak on the current state of legislative affairs in Mexico and the United States. Oropeza

is a researcher at the Institute for Legal Research at the National University of Mexico and a professor and supervisor of the graduate division in the School of Law, at the same university. His publications are concentrated in areas such as legal history, constitutional

law, comparative law and electoral law.

The event is sponsored by the Center for International Studies, College of Liberal Arts, Department of Anthropology, Center for Diversity and Gender

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