EL PASO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Submit Application & Background Investigation to the
El Paso County Human Resources Department at:

800 E. Overland
Room 223
El Paso, TX 79901
Phone: (915) 546-2218
Fax: (915) 546-8126
Email: humanresources@epcounty.com

Board Liaison:
Family and Community Service
Rosemary Neill
Phone: (915) 546-8150
Email: rneill@epcounty.com
Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in applying to serve as a member of the El Paso County Historical Commission Board. This packet provides the necessary information for you to familiarize yourself with the responsibilities of this board and the necessary documents to begin the application process.

We appreciate your willingness to be involved in guiding the future of this board and its function of ensuring the health and vitality of our community.

As a member of this board, you will be expected to participate in the meetings and other tasks as deemed necessary to fulfill your post. You should participate actively in meetings and seeking as much information needed to help the board come to its decisions. Please be aware of the various duties, responsibilities and the time commitment that will be required of you.

After submitting this application, it will be reviewed and if it meets the qualifications needed to fill the vacancy, your information will be submitted for approval by the appropriate entity.

If you have any further questions please feel free contact the County Judge’s office at (915) 546-2098. Again, thank you for your leadership and commitment.

Sincerely,

Veronica Escobar
El Paso County Judge

500 E. San Antonio, Suite 301, El Paso, TX 79901
Phone: 915-546-2098 · Fax: 915-543-3888 · countyjudge@epcounty.com · www.epcounty.com
EL PASO COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION BOARD

Board Overview
The El Paso County Historical Commission purpose is to encourage and support research into the history, archeology, and natural history of El Paso and the region; the society publishes the results of research and preserves relics and monuments.

Mission
- Study local El Paso and El Paso County History.
- Foster local research.
- Acquire and preserve historical documents and archives.
- Make collections available to the public for research and information.
- Encourage historical writing and publication.
- Maintain and restore the Richard F. Burges House, home of the Society.

Seats
The commissioner's court is responsible for appointing its board in January of odd-numbered years.

Term
Two Year terms with no limit.

Meeting Time
Every 2nd Monday of the month.
El Paso County Historical Commission Information

Website:
http://www.elpasocountyhistory.com/

El Paso County Code of Ethics Training:
http://epcounty.com/ethicscom/training.htm
ARTICLE I

Section 1: The name of this commission is:
El Paso County Historical Commission

Section 2: The purpose of this Commission shall be to initiate such programs and activities as necessary to preserve the historical heritage of El Paso County, thus promoting heritage and cultural tourism throughout the entire El Paso County.

Section 3: The address of the Commission shall be that of the current County Historical Commission Chair.

ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS

Section 1: The Commission shall consist of a minimum of seven members appointed by the County Judge and County Commissioners Court during January of odd numbered years. Additional appointments may be made at any time, as needed, to fill vacancies or resignations. The Nominations Sub Committee shall provide a list of qualified members to Commissioners Court to supplement the Courts’ nominees during the month of November in the previous year.

Section 2: A member missing two meetings in any calendar year without an excused absence or members that are not active are subject to removal at the discretion of the chairman and with the approval of a majority of the commissioners at the regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Membership shall vary in sex, age, race, experience and residence to provide a balanced representation of El Paso County residents.

Section 4: Meetings of the Commission shall be held on the second Monday of the month, with the exception of the summer months when the Commission may, by vote, elect not to hold meetings. Special meetings may be held on call of the Chairman, at such times and places as he/she designates.

Section 5: Reasonable notice by any means shall be given Commissioners of a meeting at least 72 hours preceding the time of the meeting. If a Commissioner cannot be personally advised of a meeting, notice thereof shall be given to an occupant of his/her residence or mailed by pre-paid postcard or letter to his/her residence.

Section 6: All meetings shall be open to the public. Notice of a meeting shall be posted at the County Court House at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. In case of an emergency or urgent public necessity, which shall be expressed in the notice, it is sufficient if the notice is posted two hours before the meeting is to commence.
Section 7: Forty per cent (40%) of the Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Commission. No vote may be cast by proxy. The Chairman shall be entitled to vote. In the event of an emergency request, an email vote may be requested.

Section 8: Presidents of historic organizations and other individuals with similar interests and expertise may become members of the Historical Alliance Committee.

Section 9: The Secretary shall keep a copy of the minutes of all the meetings of the Commission in a suitable location as designated by the Chairman and will provide said files to his/her successor.

ARTICLE III
OFFICERS

Section 1: The officers shall be a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, Secretary and a Treasurer. Officers shall hold office from January of each year to the following December.

Section 2: Officers shall be elected from among the members of the Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting in January of each year called for such a purpose. Vacancies shall be filled by election for the unexpired term from among the members of the Commission.

Section 3: Officers except as may otherwise be provided herein, will perform the duties normally assigned their office by recognized rules of parliamentary procedure.

ARTICLE IV
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1: All contracts must be approved by the Commission and submitted to the County Commissioners Court for formal acceptance and funding. Should the Commission elect to carry a bank account, all checks for payment or money must be signed by either the Chairman or the Treasurer. All project expenditures above $100.00 (one hundred dollars) must have the approval of the majority of the Commission through secret ballot.

Section 2: The Chairman, with the approval of the Commission shall appoint such committees from time to time as may be required. A person not a member of the Commission may be appointed to a committee to serve on an advisory capacity.

Section 3: The Commission shall issue a quarterly report of its activities and recommendations simultaneously to the County Commissioners Court and an annual report to the Texas Historical Commission before the end of each calendar year and may make as many other reports and recommendations as it sees fit.

Section 4: Roberts Rules of Order shall apply in all matters not provided for in these By-Laws and with regard to parliamentary procedure.
ARTICLE V

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Commission at any meeting provided that an amendment proposed must be made known to such members prior to the meeting at which same is to be voted on.

These By-Laws were duly adopted by the members of the El Paso County Historical Commission on the 12th Day of June, 2007 in substitution for the By-Laws duly adopted by the members of the El Paso County Historical Commission the 10th day of April, 1978.
COUNTY OF EL PASO

Application for Boards, Commissions, and Committees

Name: _______________________________ Voting Precinct: ______________________

List the Board(s), Commission(s), and/or Committee(s) you are particularly interested in:

__________________________________________________________________________

Home Address: _______________________________ STREET __________________________

Phone number: ________________________ Cell Phone number: ________________________

E-mail address: ____________________________

PURSUANT TO TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, SEC. 522.021, I ELECT THAT MY HOME ADDRESS & TELEPHONE NUMBER (CHECK ONE): ☐ MAY BE RELEASED / ☐ SHALL NOT BE RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST UNDER THE TEXAS OPEN RECORDS ACT. FAILURE TO MAKE A DESIGNATION RESULTS IN INFORMATION BEING AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.

Length of Residency in El Paso County: _______________________________ (Years/Months)

Place of Employment: ____________________________

Business Address: _______________________________ STREET __________________________

Telephone: ( ) ________________________ Fax Number: ( ) ________________________

Professional Background:

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Educational Background:

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Three (3) personal or professional references not related to you:

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Previous volunteer organizations and/or community service:

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Do you have property in El Paso County under your name? ________ (Yes) ________ (No)

Are your property taxes currently paid? ________ (Yes) ________ (No) If not, please give a brief explanation:

________________________________

Are you aware of any matter that could be considered a conflict that should be disclosed before you are considered for appointment?

If so, please describe the matter.

________________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ________________

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Dear Applicant:

The County of El Paso conducts background investigations on applicants in various departments. This effort is part of the selection process and requires your authorization. By signing this document you acknowledge that you are voluntarily granting permission to the County of El Paso to conduct a background check and you authorize relevant parties to release confidential information. The information will remain confidential and will not be disclosed except ____________________.

I, ____________________________, further hereby authorize the County of El Paso Human Resources Department to obtain all confidential records and information pertaining to a complete background investigation. This may include items such as (but not limited to): personal references, work references, Police Records, Sheriff Records, Driving Record, and any open record request.

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List the cities and states in which you have lived in the past 10 years.

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2. __________________________  5. __________________________
3. __________________________  6. __________________________

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Signature of Applicant