



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Landmark Commission

Thursday, February 26, 2026

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Pruitt called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and a quorum was established to conduct the meeting with Commissioner Wilson being absent.

Present: 9 - Gordon Landreth, Elizabeth Riggle, Cheryl McLaughlin, Melissa Espinoza, Jeff Mumme, James Pruitt, Bobby Moreno, Jillian Becquet, and Clark Underwood

Absent: 1 - Veronica Wilson

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

III. Approval of Absences: Vice Chairman Landreth & Commissioner Wilson (1.22.2026 meeting)

Commissioner Riggle made a motion to approve the absence of Vice Chairman Landreth and Commissioner Wilson from the January 22, 2026, meeting. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded. Vote: All Aye. Motion passes.

IV. Approval of Minutes: January 22, 2026 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Riggle made a motion to accept the January 22, 2026, meeting minutes as amended. Commissioner Becquet seconded. The Vote: All Aye. Motion passed.

1. [26-0288](#) Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT 1.22.2026

Attachments: [1.22.2026 LMC DRAFT Minutes](#)

V. Discussion and Possible Action:

2. [26-0289](#) Update on Subcommittees

Commissioner Mumme stated Channel 3 is willing to make announcement regarding the submissions of the upcoming art projects for national preservation month.

Discussion on where to find the correct link on the City's website in order for the public to make submissions or specific designation person where submissions will be made to.

Press release timeframe looks to be at the end of March. This ensures enough time for judging to happen along with the ordering of awards.

Submissions can be anything of historical significance and winners will be announced at the May landmark commission meeting.

Recruitment of judges is on the table so if the commission has any ideas they need to be submitted for determination. Thoughts of a librarian or a history professor

There is discussion to where the submissions for the art projects will be displayed. Suggestions are the Art Center, La Retama, and City Hall. Thoughts of whether all submissions will be on display or only the winners.

Discussion was made about requesting a proclamation for Historic Preservation Month. Last year, they were unable to have one due to it not being submitted in a timely manner.

Commissioner Becquet made a motion to seek a proclamation from City Council for Historic Preservation Month. Commissioner Riggle seconded. The Vote: All Aye. Motion passes.

Walking tour could include the Ritz since they are doing a wall restoration. Commission Becquet stated there is a 10ft wide floor to ceiling project going. This will have the original colors so it would be nice to see what the Ritz looked like in the past. The tour could be for the commissioners, and a video can be taken for public posting.

Old Bayview Cemetery would be part of the walking tour as well. Dr Pruitt stated he would get with personal there to possibly set up a time frame.

Idea of the walking tour to include the Saxet Survey area came from Vice Chair Landreth.

3. [26-0290](#) Discussion on Historical Preservation Award Nominations for May 2026

Discussion is ongoing about the need for a press release for the public to make nominations for awards presentations along with the timeframe to follow.

Categories:

- Building and Properties
- Architects and organizations
- Authors-History Books
- Education

Scaling down to just two awards:

- Building and properties
- Architects and organizations

The idea would be that the commissioners who makes the nominations to send their submittal to staff so resources can be shown how to research the history of the nomination.

Chairman Dr. Pruitt stated they will keep the four categories, and the commissioners will complete the research to show the historical significance. He also stated he would look at last year's press release to see if it can be modified for this year's use. Any correspondence will be sent to Jessica so she can email out to all the other commissioners.

VI. Historic Preservation Officer Report

Andrew Dimas, Development Services, introduced Saradja Registre has the new point of contact for the Landmark Commission along with Planners Mina Trinidad and Emilie Lichtenberger.

Commissioner Riggle asked for a list of contact information, so they knew who to send emails to.

Chairman Dr. Pruitt stated link to the Saxet Survey is not working on the City Website page for landmark commission. Andrew Dimas stated he would investigate it.

VII. Future Agenda Items

The commission will continue focusing on items in preparation for Historical Preservation Month.

VIII. Adjournment

Being no other business to discuss, Chairman Pruitt entertained for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Riggle made motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Commission McLaughlin seconded. The Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 5:08 pm