



City of Corpus Christi

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Landmark Commission

Thursday, April 24, 2025

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers

I. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Chairman Pruitt called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm and a quorum was established to conduct the meeting with Commissioners Wilson, Mumme, and Vice-Chair Landreth absent.

Chairman Pruitt suggested this time for the new Commissioners, Becquet and Underwood, to introduce themselves.

II. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** There was no public comment. During this time Eli Oliver, Troop 3

Boy Scout, gave a brief presentation on his final project on the satellite site that was located in Bill Witt Park. Mr. Oliver described the informative panels and their locations, funding process, and where they are in the project right now. Commissioners asked about the style and placement of the panels and fund raising. They are hoping to collect enough to cover the \$15,000 cost of the panels.

III. **Approval of Absences: Commissioners Wanzer, Espinoza and Riggle**

Commissioner Pruitt stated that there is an error on the agenda, but the minutes are correct. It should say the approval of **Wilson**, Espinoza, and Riggle instead of **Wanzer**, Espinoza, and Riggle. Commissioner Wanzer made a motion to approve the absences. Commissioner Becquet seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passes.

IV. **Approval of Minutes: March 27, 2025 DRAFT Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner McLuaghlin made a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2025.

Commissioner Espinoza seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passes

1. [25-0560](#) Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT March 27, 2025

Attachments: [3-27-25 LMC DRAFT Minutes](#)

V. Discussion and Possible Action

Robert Kurtz, Development Services, presented the name change information to the Commission. Mr. Kurtz described the procedures that are required to change a street name. He informed the Commission that the original names of the road and the annex will not be taken away. The change is from McKinzie Lane to Balaji Place.

Commissioner Riggle made a motion to recommend the change. Chairman Pruitt thought that it should be stated differently so Commissioner Riggle withdrew her motion. Chairman Pruitt made the motion that because the McKinzie family has the road and annex named in their honor, the Landmark Commission has no objections to renaming the street. Commissioner Riggle seconded. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passes.

Mr. Kurtz presented the award nominees to the Commissioners beginning with the buildings category. The discussion revolved around the Guaranty Title Co. building. Commissioner Becquet mentioned the Furman building is currently being remodeled and should be considered for next year. Commissioner Riggle suggested that we should look at Wynn Seale Junior High and Menger Elementary. Mr. Kurtz will send out information on the discussed buildings and a decision will be made next week.

Architects/Organizations: Friend of Old Bay View Cemetery and TABPHE. Friends of Old Bay View Cemetery is a well-known organization that has been in operation for over 15 years. Commissioner Riggle suggested that we go with TABPHE due to the outside nomination. Commissioner Buecquet suggested that TABPHE be moved to the Education because it is not associated with a specific building/location. **Friends of Old Bay View Cemetery**

Books: Commissioner Buecquet suggested that Alan Lessoff's book be nominated due to his discussion of preservation in the city. Commissioner McLaughlin also recommended Lessoff for the book award. **"Where Texas Meets the Sea"**

TABPHE will be selected as the winner for the education category.

Commissioner Buecquet made a motion to approve the selected winners (with the exception of the Buildings category). Commissioner McLaughlin seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes. Motion passes.

2. [25-0563](#) Recommendation to change Street Name from McKinzie Lane to Balaji Place
3. [25-0562](#) Discuss and Vote on Preservation Award Nominees

VI. Historic Preservation Officer Report:

Mr. Kurtz explained in detail the following items: No action taken.

- Section 106 reviews that have come in over the last few months/cell towers.
- That there will be no proclamation this year due to the amount of proclamations already going through.
- The quarterly report on the Upper Westside Historic Resource Survey/THC

VII. Future Agenda Items: NONE

VIII. Adjournment: Seeing no further issues to discuss, Commissioner Riggle made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner McLaughlin seconded. Vote: All Aye. Motion Passes Adjournment at 6:03 pm.