

**AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
LANDMARK COMMISSION
CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Hybrid Meeting: Via WebEx & In Person - 4:30 p.m.
July 22, 2021**

COMMISSIONERS:

Dr. Christine Riser-Robbins- Chair
Randy J. Dees, Sr. – Vice-Chair
Dr. Ira Freeman
Madeleine Fontenot
Kathleen de la Garza

COMMISSIONERS:

Roslyn Wanzer
Dr. Jen Brown
Armando Mendez
Veronica Wilson

STAFF:

Nina Nixon-Mendez, Assistant Director & Historic Preservation Officer
Catherine Garza, Agenda Coordinator
Craig Garrison, City Planner

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

Vice Chairman Dees called the meeting to order, and a quorum was established with Chair Robbins absent.

II. Approval of Minutes: June 24, 2021

A motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the minutes listed above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Fontenot and the motion passed.

III. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

IV. **PUBLIC HEARING** – Discussion and Consideration of an Ordinance adopting a new City of Corpus Christi Historic Preservation Plan, an element of the Plan CC Comprehensive Plan; rescinding the former Corpus Christi Preservation Plan, adopted September 8, 1976.

Steph McDougal with McDoux Preservation gave the same presentation of the Plan that was given at the June 24, 2021, Landmark Commission meeting. She said the Plan is divided into two main sections. The first half is a summary of all the information that has been gathered. The second part includes a vision for historic preservation in Corpus Christi, three overarching goals, and a total of 16 strategies for achieving those goals. Ms. McDougal proceeded to read the vision statement for the Plan which combines community input and the overarching goals along with explaining each strategy. For today's meeting, the Commission must make a recommendation to City Council to approve the Plan as is, approve it with amendments or no approval. She concluded the presentation with the next steps for the Plan. The Planning Commission public hearing will take place August 4, 2021, and it will be presented to City Council in September. She added that inquiries for more information can be sent to Craig Garrison, Development Services, or emailed to DSOutreach@cctexas.com; a draft of the Plan is available online at www.cctexas.com/hpp

After the presentation, Vice Chairman Dees opened the public hearing. With no one coming forward, the public hearing was closed, and the floor was opened for Commissioner comments/questions. Commissioners Brown and Fontenot expressed their support for adopting the plan as is. Commissioner Freeman made a motion to approve the Plan as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

With that motion, Commissioner Wilson expressed that she did not agree with some of the strategies. At this point, Ms. McDougal clarified that like many plans which are adopted by the City, it is not prescriptive nor is the City under obligation; it is a guiding document with recommendations and the City can implement any or all of the strategies. Commissioner Freeman asked if Commissioner Wilson had any specific points to amend for discussion. For Strategy No. 16, Commissioner Wilson stated it does not specifically mention the former Nueces County Courthouse but felt it is specifically mentioned numerous times throughout the Plan. Ms. McDougal said the Courthouse and the Ritz Theater were examples used in the Plan because they were mentioned with high support from the community in the survey; the City can choose to use those examples but are not required to do so.

Commissioner Wilson suggested that these specific examples be taken out of the Plan as it can be partial/misleading and other people in the community may not feel the same way as the survey exhibited. For a possible amendment, Staff discussed language options when mentioning other demonstration/catalytic projects. For more specificity, Ms. McDougal referenced action item No. 61 relative to Strategy No.16 of the Plan in which language would need amending.

With that discussion, Commissioner Freeman rescinded his motion. A motion was made by Commissioner Fontenot to approve the Plan with an amendment to change the language of Action Item 61. Commissioner Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Historic Preservation Officer's Report

Nina Nixon-Mendez updated the Commission on the local historic designation for the City Bakery which was mentioned by the Mayor during the National Preservation Month proclamation. It has been placed on the July 27, 2021, City Council agenda for initiation with the owner's consent. If the rezoning is initiated, then it will be presented at the August Landmark Commission meeting for consideration with public hearing notification requirements.

VI. Future Agenda Items: None.

VII. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:48 p.m.