



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Landmark Commission

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Thursday, July 24, 2025

4:30 PM

City Hall, Council Chambers.

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Chairman Pruitt called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm and a quorum was established to conduct the meeting with Commissioner Espinoza being absent.

#### II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

#### III. Approval of Absences: Commissioners Wilson, Espinoza, and McLaughlin (5.22.2025 Meeting)

Vice Chairman Landreth made a motion to approve the absences of Commissioners Wilson, Espinoza, and McLaughlin from the May 22, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Riggie seconded. Vote: All Aye. Motion passes.

#### IV. Approval of Minutes: May 22, 2025 DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Underwood made a motion to accept the May 22, 2025 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wanzer seconded. The Vote: All Ayes. Motion passed.

##### 1. [25-1127](#) Landmark Commission Meeting Minutes DRAFT 5.22.2025

Attachments: [5-22-25 LMC DRAFT Minutes](#)

#### V. Discussion and Possible Action:

##### 2. [25-1155](#) Ongoing mapping of the Saxet Heights area

Andrew Dimas, Development Services, spoke with the person conducting the mapping. She states it is an ongoing process at this time and will continue to provide updates. No final date as to when this will be completed.

##### 3. [25-1156](#) Update on the Hector P. Garcia medical building

Andrew Dimas, Development Services, stated originally that LMC voted to put a one-year stay of demolition on the building which expired last October. The owner is now clear to demo the building. No permits or any sort of action occurred at this time. Commissioner Wilson stated they placed the one year stay to give the interested parties time to develop a plan to potentially save the building if they chose to do so. There was a Veteran's group that was trying to save the building. There was also talk that Hector P. Garcia's heirs, possibly wanting to save the building but did not show

any interest in coming forward to salvage the property. Commissioner Wilson asked Andrew Dimas if he had any knowledge of anyone coming forward requesting and if so that those parties would be working with the current owner of the building and not the city. Andrew Dimas stated the only information that has come to light is the demolition of the building. Commissioner Becquet asked if the building was still owned by the same individual who was unaware, he purchased a historic building. Andrew Dimas stated back in 2019 the owner attempted to remove a layer of the building and was denied by City Council. He stated development services offered him the option for certificate of appropriateness and the owner never took that option. Chairman Dr. Pruitt stated he had heard of a couple of groups who tried to raise funds, but nothing arose from those talks. Commissioner Wilson stated having heard all the information and through today's discussion, the action that was taken a year ago by the LMC was the final action that this commission is unable to do regarding the building not being demolished. Andrew Dimas stated that was correct and reiterated that no demolition permits have been applied for at this time.

#### **VI. Historic Preservation Officer Report**

Andrew Dimas, Development Services, stated the possibly posting of the HPO after the new fiscal year. This would be reviewed during the city budget discussions. LMC's stance is that the city needs a full-time HPO with a vast knowledge of the City's history.

#### **VII. Future Agenda Items**

- Cathedral renovations
- Update on the Ritz theatre
- Fall Art contest

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

Being no other business to discuss, Chairman Pruitt entertained for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Wilson made motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Commission Riggle seconded. The Vote: All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 4:52pm