



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness
Chair

Jen Trenbeath
Coordinator/Secretary

Treasurer

Steven P. Lewis
1st Vice-Chair

Don Smart
2nd Vice-Chair

Minutes of

The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Jefferson County Historical Commission Library, 1149 Pearl Street, Third Floor, Beaumont, TX 77701

Order of Business:

1. Call to Order.
2. Determination of Quorum.
Eleven members present out of sixteen. Quorum met.
Present: Theresa Goodness, Paul Prosperie, Don Smart, Jay Camp, Bruce Hamilton, Steven Lewis, Katherine Leister, Brenda Jackson, Jerrilynn Miller, Candy Hollis, Kate Hambricht.
Absent: Jennifer Trenbeath, Mike McGreevy, Matt Reeves, Latisha Stewart, Rayanna Hoeft.
3. Citizens' Communications.
4. Call, Receive Information and Take Appropriate Action on:

Introduction of Guests

ACTION ITEMS:

Secretary's Report – Jen Trenbeath

5. Consider and possibly approve minutes of previous meeting.

Motion by Kate Hambricht, Second by Don Smart to table this item until next meeting.

Action: Approved unanimously

Coordinator's Report – Jen Trenbeath

- Staff report from Coordinator. **Item tabled as Coordinator was not in attendance.**

approved 5/13/2024
Jennifer Trenbeath

Treasurer's Report – Jen Trenbeath

- Report of Expenditures and remaining Budget. **Item tabled as Treasurer was not in attendance.**

Chair's Report – Chair Theresa Goodness

6. Discuss, consider, and possibly accept the resignation of Rayanna Hoeft as a JCHC commissioner after a reading into the minutes of her resignation letter as per the bylaws, Article III, Section 5.

Motion by Paul Prosperie, Second by Kate Hambright, to accept Rayanna Hoeft's resignation.

Action: Approved unanimously

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly recommend repairs to Commissioner's Court of Spindletop Park located off West Port Arthur Road in Commissioner Pct. 4.

Motion by Jay Camp, Second by Steven Lewis, to approve sending a letter to Commissioner Alfred and copying Judge Branick, requesting repairs be made to Spindletop Park.

Action: Approved unanimously

8. Discuss, consider, and possibly appoint volunteers to assist with a Downtown Beaumont Walking Tour of historic buildings on April 15, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. to be held for faculty and visiting scholars attending The Greater Gulf Symposium convened by Lamar University's Center for History and Culture of Southeast Texas and the Upper Gulf Coast.

Motion by Don Smart, Second by Kate Hambright, to approve appointing volunteers, Theresa Goodness, Jen Trenbeath, Katherine Leister, Paul Prosperie, Jerrilynn Miller, and Kate Hambright to assist with the Downtown Beaumont Walking Tour.

Action: Approved unanimously

Committee Reports

Historical Preservation:

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Theresa Goodness

- Report on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness considered by Beaumont Landmark Commission. *See attachment A.*

Tyrrell Historical Library – Steven P. Lewis

- Report on activities of the Tyrrell Historical Library Association. *See attachment B.*

Photos of Historic Buildings - Steven P. Lewis

- Report on historic building photography project. *See attachment B.*

Sam Houston State Library – Don Smart

- Report on research projects conducted at the state library.

Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House Restoration – Theresa Goodness

- Report on status of restoration of the historic home. *See attachment C.*

Historical Markers and Research – Kate Hambright

- Report on Status of Marker Applications/Dedications.
- Report on Marker Survey/Maintenance.

History Appreciation:

- Report on current Courthouse Mini-museum exhibits and discussion of proposed exhibits. – Jen Trenbeath
Report tabled as Coordinator was not in attendance.
- Report on updates to JCHC website and social media. – Jen Trenbeath
Report tabled as Coordinator was not in attendance. Chair appointed a website committee to include Jen Trenbeath, Theresa Goodness, Bruce Hamilton, Don Smart, and Paul Prosperie. Katherine Leister is appointed to work on social media posts in conjunction with the Coordinator.
- Report on events at Spindletop Gladys City Boomtown Museum. – Don Smart
- Report on Coastal History. – Jay Camp

Archeology Committee – Brenda Jackson

- Report on activities that promote the preservation of archeological resources.

Cemetery Committee – Paul Prosperie

9. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve clean-up activities at Lincoln Cemetery located on Labelle Road in Commissioner Pct. 4.

Motion by Paul Prosperie, Second by Don Smart, to approve a clean-up day at Lincoln Cemetery on April 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Action: Approved unanimously

- Report on pending applications for Historic Texas Cemetery Designations, cemetery surveys, clean-up days or other similar activities.

Courthouse and Sub-Courthouse Oversight Committee – Jen Trenbeath

- Report on status of Jefferson County Courthouse or Sub-Courthouse buildings.
Item tabled as Coordinator was not in attendance.

Certified Local Government (CLG) – Theresa Goodness

10. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve and adopt Final Historic Resources Survey Plan, Historic Resources Survey, and Historic Preservation Plan compiled by our vendor, HHM, Inc.

Motion by Kate Hambright, Second by Paul Prosperie, to adopt Final Historic Resources Survey Plan, Historic Resources Survey, and Historic Preservation Plan.

Action: Approved unanimously.

- Report on status of Historic Resources Survey and Preservation Plan project being conducted under the National Park Service Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant.

Other Business

11. Discussion on any other item not on agenda without taking action. Receive reports on matters of community interest from elected officials, staff, or members without taking action.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attachment A

MINUTES

HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
January 8, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Landmark Commission was held on January 8, 2024 and called to order at 3:32 p.m. with the following members present:

Chairman Dohn LaBiche
Commissioner Hester Bell
Commissioner Marty Craig
Commissioner Christina Crawford *arrived at 3:50 pm/exited at 4:41 pm
Commissioner Ronald Kelley
Commissioner Lynda Kay Makin
Commissioner Marva Provo
Commissioner Janelle Templeton

Commission Members
absent:

Commissioner John Berube
Commissioner Theresa Goodness
Commissioner Thomas Sigee

Also present:

Elayna Luckey, Planner I
Delancy Wood, Demolition Coordinator
Susan Smith, Recording Secretary

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Makin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 11, 2023. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 7:0. Commissioner Crawford not yet present.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1) **PZ2023-467:** A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new home.
Applicant: Jiliverto Lopez
Location: 2241 Liberty Avenue

Mrs. Luckey presented the staff report. Jiliverto Lopez has requested a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a new home to be located on the vacant lot at 2241 Liberty Avenue.

The proposed home will be approximately 1,633 sq. ft. in size. The construction methods employed would dictate that the house is to be constructed on a slab foundation with Hardie Plank siding and the windows will be six (6) over one (1) in appearance. The roof will have a 1' overhang with the pitch rising six (6) inches each twelve (12) inches horizontal distance. Additionally, the roof will be 30 year architectural shingles in Shasta White. Lastly, the porch column is to be a tapered craftsman style column. The front door will be a craftsman style door with a half light. The exterior body paint is to be Sherwin Williams Needlepoint Navy, the Gable is to be Sherwin Williams Colonial Revival Tan and the trim is to be Sherwin Williams White.

Slides of the subject property were shown.

Planning staff recommended approval of the request with the following conditions:

1. All necessary permits and inspections are obtained through the Building Codes Department.
2. The finished floor elevation shall be 24" above the existing grade.

A representative of the applicant was present. Cindy Schooling of DSW Homes, 11075 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont, Texas addressed the Commission. She stated that the applicant is building the home for his family and it is similar in appearance to surrounding homes.

Commissioner Bell moved to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a new home, as requested in PZ2023-467, with the following conditions:

1. All necessary permits and inspections are obtained through the Building Codes Department.
2. The finished floor elevation shall be 24" above the existing grade.

Commissioner Templeton seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Chairman LaBiche-Aye; Commissioner Bell-Aye; Commissioner Craig-Aye; Commissioner Kelley-Aye; Commissioner Makin-Aye; Commissioner Provo-Aye; Commissioner Templeton-Aye. The motion to approve the request carried 7:0. Commissioner Crawford not yet present.

- 2) **PZ2023-486:** A request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house.
Applicant: City of Beaumont
Location: 1032 McFaddin Avenue

Mrs. Luckey presented the staff report. Boyd Meier, Building Official, requests a Certificate of Demolition for the house located at 1032 McFaddin Avenue. According to the inspection report, this structure was originally tagged on June 12, 2023. The stairs to the structure are collapsing along with the ceiling in several rooms. There are a number of broken windows on the structure where the frames have rotted. The structure attracts transients and stray animals.

The property is listed in the 1977 SPARE Beaumont Survey and included in a local Historic Cultural Designation; however, the structure originally listed at this location was the Byrd Home, which was demolished in 2011 with approval from the Historic Landmark Commission. The structure there today was not included in those designations, just the land from the legal description.

Based on the extensive repairs needed for this structure the Building Codes Staff is recommending a raze order and has received consent to demolish the structure by the property owner.

Slides of the subject property were shown.

Planning staff recommended approval of the request.

Sixteen (16) notices were sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. Four (4) responses were received in favor and zero (0) in opposition.

Delancy Wood, Demolition Coordinator, discussed occupancy of the house. The property owner was not present.

The public hearing on this item was opened and closed without comment.

Commissioner Makin moved to approve the request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house, as requested in PZ2023-486.

Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

Discussion followed concerning historic home being demolished that could possibly be saved. A coordinated effort of the Commission, County, and City to salvage homes was suggested. The decision was made to discuss the matter further in the "Other Business" portion of the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken. Chairman LaBiche-Aye; Commissioner Bell-Aye; Commissioner Craig-Aye; Commissioner Kelley-Aye; Commissioner Makin-Aye; Commissioner Provo-Aye ; Commissioner Templeton-Aye. The motion to approve the request carried 7:0. Commissioner Crawford not yet present.

- 3) **PZ2023-509:** A request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house.
Applicant: City of Beaumont
Location: 2254 Liberty Avenue

Mrs. Luckey presented the staff report. Boyd Meier, Building Official, requests a Certificate of Demolition for the house located at 2254 Liberty Avenue. According to the inspection report, this structure was originally tagged on February 10, 2021 after it received damage from a fire. The property owner initiated a work program on April 30, 2021 at which time they

secured the property

and replaced the windows; however no additional work has taken place since an inspection dated October 4, 2021.

The property is listed in the 1989 SPARE Beaumont Survey and was built circa 1925. The significance of the structure was listed as *"The house is representative of the local adaptation of the Craftsman style and of larger middle-class homes built in Beaumont during the first decades of the century."*

Additionally, the condition at the time of recordation was listed on the SPARE Survey as *"Fair. The house is structurally sound but not particularly well-maintained. Unsympathetic alterations detract from its architectural integrity."*

Based on the extensive repairs needed for this structure and the lack of repairs made in the past two years, the Building Codes Staff is recommending a raze order.

Slides of the subject property were shown.

Planning staff recommended approval of the request.

Thirty-three (33) notices were sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. Zero response were received in favor or opposition.

Delancy Wood, Demolition Coordinator, discussed occupancy of the house and apartment located on the property, unpaid property taxes, code violations, structural condition of the home, lack of communication from the property owner, the Jefferson County Sheriff delinquent tax sale, previous repairs to the home, and the demolition process.

The property owner was not present.

The public hearing on this item was opened.

David Bradley, 2165 North Street, Beaumont, Texas addressed the Commission. He stated that the City could possibly impose liens to encourage compliance by property owners. Mr. Bradley further stated that the Jefferson County Tax Office can assist with information relating to the foreclosure process.

The public hearing on this item was closed.

Commissioner Makin moved to approve the request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house, as requested in PZ2023-509.

Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

Brief discussion followed regarding demolishing historic homes rather than saving them.

A roll call vote was taken. Chairman LaBiche-Aye; Commissioner Bell-Aye; Commissioner Craig-Aye; Commissioner Crawford-Nay; Commissioner Kelley-Nay; Commissioner Makin-

Aye; Commissioner Provo-Nay; Commissioner Templeton-Nay. The motion tied 4:4. Chairman LaBiche decided the tie by changing his vote to "Nay." The motion to deny the request carried 5:4.

4) **PZ2023-510:** A request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house.

Applicant: City of Beaumont

Location: 2229 Liberty Avenue

Mrs. Luckey presented the staff report. Boyd Meier, Building Official, requests a Certificate of Demolition for the house located at 2229 Liberty Avenue. According to the inspection report, this structure was originally tagged on September 27, 2021 after multiple code violations were discovered. The foundation is collapsing, a full roof replacement will be needed, and the eaves are falling due to rot.

The property is listed in the 1989 SPARE Beaumont Survey and was built circa 1915. The significance of the structure was listed as *"The house is a good example of a local adaptation of the Craftsman style and is representative of middle class homes built in Beaumont during the early decades of the century."*

Based on the extensive repairs needed for this structure the Building Codes Staff is recommending approval of the raze order.

Slides of the subject property were shown.

Planning staff recommended approval of the request.

Twenty-seven (27) notices were sent to property owners within 200 feet of the subject property. Zero response were received in favor or opposition.

Delancy Wood, Demolition Coordinator, discussed occupancy of the house.

Brief discussion followed concerning unpaid property taxes, the vehicle located on the property, and communication with the property owner.

The property owner was not present.

The public hearing was opened on this item.

Gloria Alvarado, 2216 Liberty, Beaumont, Texas addressed the Commission. She stated that she would like to purchase the property for use as a family home.

Further discussion followed concerning the process for removal of the vehicle located on the property.

Barbara Wilson, 2441 Liberty Avenue, Beaumont, Texas addressed the Commission. She stated the property owner previously stated that he would like to sell the property and he is probably still interested in selling it.

The public hearing was closed on this item.

Commissioner Templeton moved to deny the request for a Certificate of Demolition to demolish a house, as requested in PZ2023-510.

Commissioner Kelley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Chairman LaBiche-Aye; Commissioner Bell-Aye; Commissioner Craig-Aye; Commissioner Crawford-Aye; Commissioner Kelley-Aye; Commissioner Makin-Aye; Commissioner Provo-Aye; Commissioner Templeton-Aye. The motion to deny the request carried 8:0.

HISTORIC DISTRICT CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Luckey announced that Historic District Code Enforcement Report will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion was had regarding saving historic homes from demolition. Commissioner Templeton stated that she will speak to the City Council regarding imposing penalties to those property owners that do not respond to the Commission. She further stated that she will speak to the Jefferson County Tax Office regarding the Sheriff delinquent tax sale. Commissioner Templeton also stated that there could possibly be additional approaches taken to prevent homes from being destroyed in terms of ordinance revisions and revising procedures/policies.

Chairman LaBiche requested that Commissioner Templeton present her findings to the Commission as a scheduled agenda item.

Commissioner Crawford offered the assistance of the Beaumont Heritage Society. She also stated that the Oaks Historic District is developing a grant program for potential homeowners within the District.

Brief discussion followed concerning salvaging materials from dilapidated homes, tax and/or price incentives for potential homeowners, grant opportunities for potential homeowners, and City procedures for imposing charges and fines.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:42 P.M.

MINUTES

**HISTORIC LANDMARK COMMISSION
February 12, 2024
Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main Street, Beaumont, Texas**

A Regular Meeting of the Historic Landmark Commission was held on February 12, 2024 and called to order at 3:34 p.m. with the following members present:

Chairman Dohn LaBiche
Commissioner Hester Bell
Commissioner John Berube *arrived at 3:38 pm
Commissioner Marty Craig
Commissioner Christina Crawford *arrived at 3:37 pm
Commissioner Theresa Goodness
Commissioner Lynda Kay Makin
Commissioner Marva Provo
Commissioner Thomas Sigee *arrived at 3:35 pm
Commissioner Janelle Templeton
Commissioner Kirk Thomas

Commission Members

Commissioner Ronald Kelley

absent: Also present:

Elayna Luckey, Planner I
Demi Engman, Planning Manager
John Wilson, Oaks Historic Code Enforcement Officer
Susan Smith, Recording Secretary
Roy West, Mayor
Jes Prince, CDBG Manager

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Makin moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 8, 2024. Commissioner Bell seconded the motion. The motion to approve carried 9:0. Commissioner Berube and Commissioner Crawford not yet present.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1) **PZ2023-518:** A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install shutters.
Applicant: David Bienvenu
Location: 2621 Hazel Avenue

Mrs. Luckey presented the staff report. David Bienvenu, is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness to install shutters on the home located at 2621 Hazel Avenue. The shutters to be installed are made of vinyl, and will be black in color to match the front door. The shutters are proposed to be installed only on the front windows of the home.

The home is not listed in the SPARE Beaumont Survey, however could be considered as a colonial style home, making the proposed shutters appropriate for the architecture of the home.

Slides of the subject property were shown.

Planning staff recommended approval of the request.

The applicant was present. David Bienvenu, 1645 Orange Street, Beaumont, Texas addressed the Commission. He stated that he is cleaning and clearing the property. Mr. Bienvenu further stated that he wants to dress up the neighborhood through curb appeal. He also stated that he plans to sell the home.

Commissioner Makin moved to approve the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to install shutters, as requested in PZ2023-518.

Commissioner Craig seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Chairman LaBiche-Aye; Commissioner Bell-Aye; Commissioner Berube-Aye; Commissioner Craig-Aye; Commissioner Crawford-Aye; Commissioner Goodness-Aye; Commissioner Makin-Aye; Commissioner Provo-Aye; Commissioner Sigee-Aye; Commissioner Templeton-Aye; Commissioner Thomas-Aye. The motion to approve the request carried 11:0.

HISTORIC DISTRICT CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Wilson presented the December 2023 and January 2024 Historic District Code Enforcement Reports.

Chairman LaBiche explained the role of the Oaks Historic Code Enforcement Officer.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 1) Minor Rehabilitation Program presentation facilitated by CDBG/Housing Manager Jes Prince**

Mrs. Luckey outlined how to access the City's website for Minor Rehabilitation Program applications.

CDBG Manager Jes Prince presented. She explained income limits and qualifications for rehabilitation assistance. She further stated that there is a one-year wait list for the program which is offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mrs. Prince also stated that the program is advertised through social media, Neighborhood Association meetings, and newsletters.

2) Other Business

Commissioner Templeton provided an update relating to saving dilapidated homes within the Historic District. She stated that she hopes to schedule a round-table discussion within the next two (2) weeks.

THERE BEING NO OTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:01 P.M.

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HISTORIC LANDMARK
COMMISSION
March 11, 2024

REGULAR MEETING
HISTORIC LANDMARK
COMMISSION

Council Chambers, City Hall, 801 Main St. - 3:30 p. m.

*** A G E N D A ***

ROLL
CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the Regular Meeting held February 12, 2024.

REGULAR MEETING

- 1) PZ2024-32: A request for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace garage doors.
Applicant: Lauren Martin
Location: 863 5th Street
- 2) Historic District Code Enforcement Report

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURN

"To protect, enhance and perpetuate historic landmarks which represent or reflect distinctive and important elements of the City's and State's architectural, archaeological, cultural, social, economic, ethnic and political history and to develop appropriate settings for such places."

Persons with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Kaltrina Minick at 409-880-3777.

Attachment B

Meeting Notes 20 March 2024

Tyrrell Historical Library: The Weber Collection at the Tyrrell still have not had the corrected captions added.

I am passing around three binders with photographs of the 2024 Mural Festival, the 2024 Art Cubes, and the early photographs of the demolition of the AT&T Building. An additional album has Hinchee House photos.

Historic Buildings Photography: My request to the Texas General Land Office (GLO) to receive an unredacted list of HUD homes has been forwarded to Ken Paxton's office. He has 45 business days to reply. On 1 March 2024, I received an email stating that the Attorney General needs 10 additional business days to research my request. It has been 12 business days and not response.

By combining the redacted list from the GLO and the Freedom of Information Act list of new construction from the City of Beaumont, I have completed this quest. I have photographed a total of 685 homes (604 on pilings, 73 on slabs, and 8 concrete). There were a few that were not finished at the time of the photographs and will revisit them at a later date.

On 10 and 25 December 2023, I photographed what I thought was the old Royal Coach Inn on Dowlen Road where Meghan Cobb is painting a mural. Bruce pointed out that that building is not the Royal Coach Inn. Poor research on my part since I have checked my postcard collection and discovered that the Royal Coach Inn was on Interstate 10. I further discovered that in 1973 it was called a Red Carpet Inn. Talking to Bruce yesterday, I found out that the building was originally called the Lancaster Apartments, now called West End Crossing. The mural is finished or nearly finished.

A hindrance at the Hinchee House is the lack of funds. Therese has suggested that I should do a then-and-now presentation as a fundraising project. I am currently working on it. I have photographs that I have taken since 2013. Additionally, I have copies of photographs from the JCHC files. In 2014 I created panoramic images in the dining room, attic, two of the bedrooms, living room, music room, and sitting room. I am waiting for an opportunity to recreate these panoramas. I am in the process of revising a 57 slide PowerPoint that I gave to the JCHC in 2018.

The demolition of the AT&T building started on the 14th of February and is planned to take 125 days. I plan on photographing the site at least twice a week until the job is done. So far, I have been there ten days and have taken 578 images. I will be there this afternoon.

Riverfront Park has been closed since Hurricane Harvey and it is directly related to the demolition of the AT&T building. Since 24 February, I have been photographing the construction of a bulkhead at the site. I have visited the site seven times but cannot get close due to it being a construction site. I will continue to document the work until it is finished.

The third annual Mural Festival was held on 2 and 3 of March, the hub is around the Event Centre. There were nine live mural locations. I went to all sites until the murals were complete. All are completed by this past Monday except for the mural at 900 Calder.

Attachment C

Report of Theresa Goodness, Board Member of Hinchee House Restoration Project March 20, 2024

The Caroline Gilbert Hinchee House Restoration Project has the immediate goal of removing the City of Beaumont's red tag from the structure. To that end the following work has been accomplished or is in the planning process:

- A scope of work has been approved by THC's reviewer, Sharon Fleming.
- The foundation and subfloors have been repaired.
- Structural repairs to the exterior walls are completed, but siding repairs have not yet been undertaken. The contractor is in the process of obtaining materials for this work.
- A green architectural shingle roof has been installed, and decking replaced as necessary.
- A permit has been pulled for a new water meter, and the water line to the house has been repaired. Coburn's Plumbing Supply donated bathroom fixtures, so the first floor bathroom should be in working order soon.
- Replacement glass for existing window frames and re-installation of said frames is a priority, with all of the windows now re-installed in the second floor sitting room.
- A temporary exterior wall has been constructed where the conservatory has been lost in order to allow the building to be completely sealed from the elements.
- Temporary steel construction doors have been installed for security.

The majority of the above listed restoration work is being funded by a grant from the National Park Service under the Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund, which is being administered by the Texas Historical Commission. The grant has an extension deadline of June 30, 2024, so the goal is to complete the approved work for reimbursement by this date.

A grant in the amount of \$20K has been awarded from the Mamie McFaddin Ward Heritage Foundation on November 2, 2023, for the purpose of painting the exterior of the Hinchee House. THC has approved the painting of the Hinchee House, but a significant amount of siding must be replaced before painting can begin.

Another grant is being pursued to tackle the repair of the stone masonry.