

**Minutes of  
Jefferson County Historical Commission Special Meeting  
Noon, Wednesday, October 13, 2021  
Agricultural Auditorium, 1225 Pearl Street, Beaumont TX 77701**

**Order of Business**

Call to Order: Chair Theresa Goodness called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Attending were JCHC members: Theresa Goodness, Kate Hambright, Brenda Jackson, Steven P. Lewis, Les McMahan, Linda McMahan, Paul Prosperie, Lynn Simon, Don Smart and Jen Trenbeath. Also attending was Advisor Judy Linsley.

A Quorum was determined. There was no Citizens Communication.

**Historical Preservation:**

Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Theresa Goodness

- Report on Historic Cultural Landmark Designations awarded by Beaumont Landmark Commission. Theresa had available a handout of “Beaumont Properties with Historical Designations”. (See Attachment B.)
- Report on process for requesting agenda Items be added for consideration by Beaumont Landmark Commission.

**Action Item:**

1. Discussion, consideration and possible approval to request an agenda item for consideration by the Beaumont Landmark Commission asking for support to replace the entire roof over the Tyrrell Park Civilian Conservation Corps Building.

Theresa shared with the Commission some of the bylaws of the City of Beaumont Landmark Commission, on which she sits. The Landmark Commission is tasked with approving or denying changes made to building within the designated Historical District. The City of Beaumont has several buildings with a plaque designating them as City Landmarks; however the

City records do not reflect the plaque that is at the CCC building at Tyrrell Park.

Steven P. Lewis has contacted City Council members to attempt to educate them on the history of the CCC building as well as to discuss the future of the building.

Discussion was held as to the appropriateness of the JCHC sending a request to the City of Beaumont Landmark Commission to review the renovations done to the Tyrrell Park CCC building to date as well as the future plans. It was ultimately decided that according to the bylaws of the Landmark Commission, there is not a course of action that would allow them to intervene on an action that has passed City Council and therefore, no motion was made to submit a request on behalf of the JCHC.

#### **Historical Markers and Research – Les McMahan**

- Report on Texas Treasure Business Award Program.

#### **Action Item:**

2. Discussion on process for the Texas Treasure Business Award Program and requirements for businesses to be considered. (See Attachment B.)

Les McMahan presented information regarding a new program the Texas Historical Commission is putting together that will recognize local businesses that have been in continual operation for 50 years or more. More information will be forthcoming as things progress.

#### **History Appreciation:**

Battleship Texas – Report on possible relocation of the Battleship Texas to Beaumont, Texas.

**Action Item:**

3. Discussion, consideration and possible approval authorizing the Chair to send a letter of support on behalf of JCHC to the City of Beaumont and / or other interested parties in favor of relocation of Battleship Texas to Beaumont, Texas.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of the City of Beaumont submitting an application to be considered as a permanent home for the Battleship Texas. A motion was made by Don Smart and seconded by Les McMahan to send a letter of support from the JCHC to the City of Beaumont, the Battleship Texas Foundation and other concerned parties. The motion passed unanimously. (See Attachment C for copy of letters to the Honorable Robin Mouton, Mayor of City of Beaumont and Thomas J. Perich, Chairman, Battleship Texas Foundation.)

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 12:53 PM.

BEAUMONT PROPERTIES WITH HISTORICAL DESIGNATIONS

<u>Property Title</u>	<u>Location</u>		<u>Construction Date</u>	<u>Historical Designation</u>	<u>Designation Date</u>
Beaumont Commercial Historic District (Pearl, Orleans, Crockett, Fannin, Laurel, Willow, Neches and Bowie) Contributing Buildings Below	Address	Street		NR	1978
-Tyrrell Public Library, 695 Pearl Street	695	Pearl Street	1903	NR; RTHL	1978, 1976
-First National Bank Building, 495 Orleans Street	495	Orleans Street	1937	NR; RTHL	1978, 1989
-King Edward Hotel, 800 Pearl	800	Pearl Street	1927	NR; HC	1978, 1984
-Hall & Hall, 278 Pearl Street	278	Pearl Street	c.1900	NR	1978
-Wilson Building, 341 Pearl Street	341	Pearl Street	c.1890	NR	1978
-Edson Hotel, 301-309 Pearl Street	301-309	Pearl Street	c.1929	NR	1978
-Goodhue Building, 398 Pearl Street	398	Pearl Street	1926	NR	1978
-Gilbert Building, 488 Pearl Street (remodeled c.1926)	488	Pearl Street	Unknown	NR	1978
-Hotel Beaumont, 625 Orleans Street	625	Orleans Street	1922	NR	1978
-San Jacinto Building, 595-597 Orleans Street	595-597	Orleans Street	1921	NR	1978
-Orleans Building, 470 Orleans Street	470	Orleans Street	c.1925	NR	1978
-Levy Building, 443 Orleans Street	443	Orleans Street	Unknown	NR	1978
-Nathan Building (The Treasure House), 336 Orleans St.	336	Orleans Street	c.1890	NR	1978
-Kyle Building, 387 Broadway	387	Broadway Street	1933	NR	1978
-Jack Brooks Federal Building, 300 Willow Street (remodeled 1961 & 1986)	300	Willow Street	1933	NR	1978
-South Pacific Railroad Offices, 330 Park	330	Park Street	c.1910	NR	1978
-Stedman Fruit Company, 417 Neches Street	417	Neches Street	c.1920	NR	1978
-Dixie Hotel, 238 1/2 Crockett Street	238 1/2	Crockett Street	c.1900	NR	1978
-Littleton Building, 260 Crockett Street	260	Crockett Street	c.1900	NR	1978
-George Wilson Building, 276 Crockett Street	276	Crockett Street	c.1890	NR	1978
-Friedman Building, 502 Crockett Street	502	Crockett Street	c.1915	NR	1978
-Old Santa Fe Railroad, 609 Crockett Street	609	Crockett Street	c.1910	NR	1978
-Oil City Brass Works, 696, 714 & 780 Crockett Street (remodeled 1921)	696,714 & 780	Crockett Street	1890	NR	1978
-Old Wells Fargo, 909 Laurel Street (expanded 1928)	909	Laurel Street	c.1890	NR	1978
Beaumont Y.M.C.A. Building, 934 Calder Avenue	934	Calder Avenue	1928	NR; THSM	1979, 1979
French Home Trading Post, 2995 French Road	2995	French Road	1845	NR; RTHL	1970, 1970
Hinchee House, 1814 Park Street	1814	Park Street	1901	NR; RTHL	1978, 1982
Idle Hours (Stuart - Griffin), 1608 Orange Street	1608	Orange Street	1903	NR	1978
Holmes - Duke House, 694 Forrest Street	694	Forrest Street	1899	NR; RTHL	1984, 1986
Jefferson County Courthouse, 1149 Pearl Street	1149	Pearl Street	-2	NR; RTHL	1982, 1980
Jefferson Theatre, 345 Fannin Street	345	Fannin Street	1927	NR; RTHL	1978, 1978
Lucas Gusher, (Spindletop Oil Field)*, 4 miles South of Downtown Beaumont			blew in - 1901	NR; THSM	1966, 1930
McFaddin House Complex, 1906 McFaddin Street	1906	McFaddin Avenue	c. 1927	NR; RTHL	1971, 1976
Mildred Building, 1400 block of Calder Avenue	1400	Calder Avenue	1929	NR	1978
Sanders House, 479 Pine Street	479	Pine Street	1895	NR; RTHL; HC	1978, 1982, 1982
Central Fire Station, 400 Walnut	400	Walnut Street	c. 1927	RTHL	1983
Crockett, David, Middle School, 1400 Royal Street	1400	Royal Street	1923	RTHL	1984
Hebert Home, 5100 Fannett Road	5100	Fannett Road	1844	RTHL	1965

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Pietzsch Elementary School, 4301 Highland Avenue	4301	Highland Avenue	1908	RTHL	1985
O'Brien Oak, Riverside Drive Traffic Island (demolished)			planted before 1860	RTHL	1965
Saint Anthony's Cathedral, Jefferson & Wall Street			-4	RTHL	1980
Cooke Wilson House, 2550 Ashley Street	2550	Ashley Street	1936	HC	1991
Kansas City Depot, 1215 Franklin Avenue	1215	Franklin Avenue	c. 1905	HC	1991
Saint Therese Hospital Building, 1100 Broadway	1100	Broadway Street	1928	HC	1983
Garth House, 1895 McFaddin Avenue	1895	McFaddin Avenue	1913	HC	1983
Munro House, 1208 Gilbert Street	1208	Gilbert Street	Unknown	HC	1983
Smith House, 892 North Street	892	North Street	c. 1910	HC	1983
Langham House, 1561 Park Street	1561	Park Street	c. 1898	HC	1990
Samuel James House, 1850 Sabine Pass Avenue	1850	Sabine Pass Avenue	c. 1904	HC	1983
Bass-Hobson House, 2108 Harrison Avenue	2108	Harrison Avenue	c. 1906	HC	1983
Seymour House, 619 Irma Street	619	Irma Street	c. 1903	HC	1983
Byrd House, 1052 McFaddin Avenue	1052	McFaddin Avenue	c. 1910	HC	1983
Percilia House, 2975 French Road	2975	French Road		HC	1983
LeJeune House, 1645 Orange Street	1645	Orange Street	c. 1905 - 1908	HC	1984
Wiess House, 615 5th Street	615	5th Street	c. 1912	HC	1985
Owens House, 1835 Pennsylvania	1835	Pennsylvania	c. 1915	HC	1986
Nazro-Phelan House, 585 North 4th Street	585	N 4th Street	c. 1910	HC	1986
Effie Sanders Cottage, 495 Pine Street	495	Pine Street	c. 1889	HC	1987
Crory/Anderson House, 1224 Hazel Avenue	1224	Hazel Avenue	c. 1900	HC	1987
Millard, Lt. Col. Henry, Downtown Library			born: 1794 died: 1844	THSM	1991
Graham, Dr. Charles F.L.N., 1460 Gladys Avenue	1460	Gladys Avenue	born: 1889 died: 1943	THSM	1991
Temple Emanuel, 1120 Broadway	1120	Broadway Street	1923	THSM	1990
Port of Beaumont, 1255 Main Street	1255	Main Street	officially opened 1916	THSM	1986
South Park High School, 4500 Highland Avenue	4500	Highland Avenue	c. 1922 - 1923	THSM	1988
Spell Cemetery, 5900 Caswell Road (first burial: 1864)	5900	Caswell Road	1873, officially designated 1923	THSM	1988
Travis Street Substation, 350 Pine Street	350	Pine Street	1929	THSM	1983
Beaumont, City of, 801 Main Street			incorporated: 1838	THSM	1967
Beaumont, Lumber Mill City of 19th C., 700 Pearl Street	700	Pearl Street	c.1840	THSM	1977
Chaison, Jean Baptiste, Pipkin Park, Riverside Drive at Emmett Street			Temple c. 1933	THSM	1976
Clubhouse, Women's Club of Beaumont, 575 Magnolia Street	575	Magnolia Avenue	1909	THSM	1981
Collier's Ferry, End of Pine Street, Collier's Ferry Road			used as early as 1750	THSM	1966
Early Texas Oil Pipelines, Inter. of Old Port Arthur Road / FM 365			1901	THSM	1966
Enterprise Journal (deleted 84), Lobby of Enterprise Journal			1880	THSM	1964
First Baptist Church, Calder Avenue at Willow Street			1887	THSM	1976
First Security National Bank, 505 Orleans Street in Lobby	505	Orleans Street	1889	THSM	1966
First (United) Methodist Church of Beaumont, Broadway and Orleans Street			1877	THSM	1973
McFaddin, William, 2200 Pine Street, Magnolia Cemetery	2200	Pine Street	born: 1819 died: 1898	THSM	1966
Smyth, Andrew F., Magnolia Cemetery			born: 1817 died: 1879	THSM	1962
*Spindletop Hill Confederate Campsite, Highland Avenue & Sulphur Drive			-2	THSM	1936



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Tevis, Nancy, 700 Pearl Street	700	Pearl Street	born: 1795 died: 1863	THSM	1976
Tevis, Noah, Site of Home, Tevis & Crockett Streets			1835	THSM	1936
Tevis, Reid, Police Chief, 2200 Pine Street, Magnolia Cemetery	2200	Pine Street	born: 1878 died: 1925	THSM	1967
Westminster Presbyterian Church, 530 North Main Street (education bldg. 1929)	530	N Main Street	Sanctuary: 1911	THSM	1979
YWCA of Beaumont, 660 Calder Avenue	660	Calder Avenue	c. 1925	THSM	1980
Zaharias, Mildred "Babe" D., Forrest Lawn Memorial Park			born: 1911 died: 1956	THSM	1968
Birdwell House, 2380 Gladys	2380	Gladys Avenue	1890	HC	1994
D. E. Steinman, Sr. residence, 2355 Harrison	2355	Harrison Avenue	1928	HC	1995
J. L. Eisen House, 2301 Long	2301	Long Avenue	-1	HC	1995
Fertita Building, 615-635 Park	615-635	Park Street	c. 1940	HC	1996
San Augustine Building, 695 Park	695	Park Street	c. 1925	HC	1996
Holmes-Duke House, 694 Forrest	694	Forrest Street	1899	HC	1999
Sprott Hospital, 2390 Cartwright	2390	Cartwright Street	1944	HC	1999
Lipscomb Norvell House, 1695 Milam	1695	Milam Street	1901	HC	1999
Weed House, 325 North 7th Street	325	N 7th Street	c. 1903	HC	2001
Coale Building, 461-469 Bowie	461-469	Bowie Street	c. 1900	HC	2001
Sprott House, 2398 Roberts	2398	Roberts Avenue	c. 1860	HC	2002
Former "Mae's Place", 1021 Bonham	1021	Bonham Street	c. 1889	HC	2002
Willard House, 1325 Gladys	1325	Gladys Avenue	1927	HC	2003
2494 Avenue F	2494	Avenue F	1896	HC	2004
1435 Broadway	1435	Broadway Street	1903	HC	2005
2240 Calder Avenue	2240	Calder Avenue	c. 1906	HC	2005
2106 Hazel Avenue	2106	Hazel Avenue	1907	HC	2006
1822 Broadway Avenue	1822	Broadway Street	1910	HC	2007
2368 McFaddin Avenue	2368	McFaddin Avenue	1907	HC	2007
1315 Calder Avenue	1315	Calder Avenue	1895	HC	2008
480 Magazine Street	480	Magazine Street	before 1889	HC	2010
470 Jackson Street	470	Jackson Street	1878	HC	2012
195 N. 7th Street	195	N 7th Street	1913	HC	2013
140 E. Threadneedle Street	140	E Threadneedle Street	1928	HC	2019

## Report on THC TTBA program at Special Meeting of October 13, 2021

Item has been posted ONLY for discussion regarding the process and requirements for businesses to be considered

**NO DISCUSSIONS** regarding particular businesses can take place and **NO NOMINATIONS** of particular businesses can be made – this can take place at our next regular meeting if it is so posted on the agenda

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### **Texas Historical Commission Texas Treasure Business Awards**

The Texas Treasure Business Awards program is a way to recognize “treasured” community businesses without going through the more laborious historical marker process.

#### Requirements for consideration of businesses

Has been in continuous for-profit operation for at least 50 years

Continues to operate the same or a very similar type of business as it did at least 50 years ago

Has a continuous record of employment of people for at least the past 50 years

Continues to operate as an independent, for-profit business (i.e., it cannot have operated any time in the last 50 years as a subsidiary of or have been absorbed by or merged into another business)

Has maintained a good business relationship with the state

#### Who can nominate a business for an award

Representative of another business (THC encourages businesses to reach out to the CHCs for assistance)

Business can self-nominate (as noted above)

Local County Historical Commissions (CHC would initiate contact with the business)

Elected officials

Nominations can be made at any time of the year, and if not a self-nomination by a business it should be made with the knowledge of/agreement by the business.

#### What documents are required

Nomination form supplied by THC which contains instructions and requirements to support the required narrative

Narrative history (1-2 pages) that traces the founding and ownership of the business, its role in the community, and changes it has undergone over the course of its history

Documentation that supports the business' founding date

#### Resources available on the THC-TTBA website

TTBA nomination form (copy attached)

List of TTBA resources by name and/or website (copy attached)

TTBA presentation event planning FAQs (copy attached)

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TEXAS TREASURE BUSINESS AWARD

Nomination Form

BUSINESS NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(As it will appear on the certificate)

This business is nominated by:

☐ State Senator

Office contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ State Representative

Office contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other Nominator

Contact title \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

BUSINESS INFORMATION:

Owner/President/CEO \_\_\_\_\_

Principal place of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business \_\_\_\_\_ Date Founded \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/day/year)

Number of locations in Texas \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Business website \_\_\_\_\_

Has the business been owned by the same family for at least 50 years? [Not required.] ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the business operated in the same building for at least 50 years? [[Not required.] ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please provide the address if different from the one above.

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Who do we send the award to?

☐ Nominator ☐ Business Owner

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ TX Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

This application continues on the next page.



**SUPPORTING MATERIALS TO BE PROVIDED BY THE BUSINESS:**

Please provide a brief narrative history of the founding and operation of the business to include:

- When, where, and by whom the business was established
- The business has been in continual operation since its founding
- Whether the type of business conducted, the ownership/management, or business location have changed over time
- Information showing that the business has been an active employer
- If it is a family-owned business, include information showing how long the family has owned the business.
- If the business has operated in a historic building, include information showing how long the business has been located in this building as well as a historic photograph and a current photograph of the building.

Please provide one of the following establishing the business founding date:

- |                             |                           |                             |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Ledger pages              | • State licenses          | • Real estate records/deeds |
| • Newspaper advertisements  | • Flyers                  | • Business charters         |
| • Board meeting minutes     | • City directory listings |                             |
| • Invoices, bills or checks | • Tax records             |                             |

Additional brochures or information that clarifies the items above are welcome.

For additional information on the Texas Treasure Business Award including FAQs and past recipients please visit our website at [Texas Historical Commission](http://TexasHistoricalCommission.org).

I am authorized to submit this application on behalf of the above-named business and represent that they will proudly and publicly display the Texas Treasures Business Award if selected to receive this honor. The Texas Historical Commission has permission to publish images submitted in the supporting materials to promote the Texas Treasure Business Award program.

Signature of business contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE SEND THIS NOMINATION FORM, A COPY OF THE NARRATIVE, AND ANY SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS TO:**

Texas Historical Commission  
Attn: Business Award  
P.O. Box 12276  
Austin, Texas 78711

Please do not send any information in binders or with staples.

For more information, please contact Ginny Owens at 512.463.6006 or [Virginia.Owens@thc.texas.gov](mailto:Virginia.Owens@thc.texas.gov)

## TEXAS TREASURE BUSINESS AWARD

### *Resources*

There are many resources available to help you in documenting the founding date of your business. Of course the best resources can probably be found in your documents such as old ledgers, invoices, and deeds. However, if you are still having problems verifying the date here are some resources that may be of help to you. While some of this information may be available online much of it will only be available as reference or as an Inter-library loan to your public library. If you are unable to travel to the location researchers may be available at the library to assist you.

One great resource to help with your search is the **Marker Toolbox** and can be found on the THC [website](#).

#### **City Directories and Telephone Books**

**University of North Texas-Portal to Texas History:** Various city directories, business directories, legal directories, and phone directories. Many directories have business advertisements. 1870–1969 in full text.

[texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/CIT/browse/?q=city+directories&t=fulltext](http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/CIT/browse/?q=city+directories&t=fulltext)

**Fort Worth Public Library:** Fort Worth city directories from 1877–present, Arlington from 1964–present and Fort Worth Telephone directories from 1910–present.

[fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=5618](http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=5618)

**Center for American History:** Austin: Texas city and telephone directories available for on-site use.

[www.cah.utexas.edu/research/directories.php](http://www.cah.utexas.edu/research/directories.php)

**Texas State Library and Archives:** State archives have numerous city directories available to look at on-site.

[www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/citydirs.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/citydirs.html)

**Ancestry.com:** Resources that can often help you find information including city directories and Census records.

#### **GOVERNMENT**

**Texas County Tax Lists, 1836–1910:** Includes most Texas counties with records arranged by the first letter of the taxpayer's last name.

[fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=10152](http://fortworthtexas.gov/library/info/default.aspx?id=10152)

**Texas State Library and Archives; Texas County Tax Rolls:** Available on microfilm through the late 1970s and may be looked at on site or loaned to your local library.  
[www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/taxrolls.html](http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/arc/taxrolls.html) .

**Texas Secretary of State:** Business charter and corporation information is available through the Texas Secretary of State dating from the 1800s.  
[www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/corp/sosda/index.shtml)

**County Courthouse:** The county courthouse may have records of deeds and taxes. Much of the information has a retention of 20 years and some counties get rid of the records at that time. The records may be destroyed or donated to a local museum.

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Your Records:** Your family records will provide the best documentation of your business. Old Ledgers, deeds, invoices, photographs, and tax records are all good sources.

**Industry Associations:** There are hundreds of industry associations in Texas and many have been in existence over 50 years and may have records that would be useful to you, such as the Texas Automobile Dealers Association (1916), and the Texas Restaurant Association (1937).

**OCLC WorldCat:** Lists over 2 billion items that can be found in libraries around the world. Many can be used by you through interlibrary loan to your local library or perhaps the library that owns the item can make a copy of specific information for you. Example: *Hello, Texas: A History of telephony in the Lone Star State*; written by Jerry F. Hall and the Texas Telephone Association  
[www.worldcat.org/](http://www.worldcat.org/).


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## TTBA Presentation Event Planning FAQ

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Award recipients and their sponsors will be honored by a presentation of a certificate in a suitable location determined by the recipient and the nominating party. For more information we have provided the following Presentation Event Planning FAQs.

### PLANNING AN AWARD PRESENTATION EVENT FAQ

#### Q. Who designates the award?

A. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is authorized by the Texas Legislature to honor businesses that have existed in this state providing employment and supporting the Texas economy for 50 years or more with the Texas Treasure Business Award. Award certificates are signed by your state senator and representative, the THC chair and executive director.

#### Q. Who plans award presentations?

A. Award presentations are most often planned by the nominating party whether that is the business, a local organization or the office of a senator or representative. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) does not plan award presentations but hopes to have an announcement on the floor of the Senate and the House during legislative session every two years that will list the recipients of this award during the previous biennium.

#### Q. What's right for you?

A. Award presentations take many forms and are planned by agreement of all parties including elected officials, the business, the nominator, and involved community groups.

#### Q. How do I request THC participation?

A. A representative of the THC is always happy to participate if scheduling allows. Please complete and return the [Presentation Event Notification form](#) four weeks prior to your event. This form can be downloaded from the THC website.

#### Q. Who is involved in scheduling an event?

A. Scheduling an event takes collaborative planning. You may want to consider the following:

- Offer your state senator and representative the opportunity to present the award. Contact their office staff to see if they are available and discuss potential dates and locations.
- Coordinate scheduling with the business and the community calendar. Your event may receive greater support if planned to coincide with other local celebrations, commemorations, statewide, or national programs such as Preservation Month.
- Contact local officials, community leaders or groups that will be included in the event.
- Check the [THC website calendar](#) for agency or regional events scheduled in the area.

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- If the THC is notified of the event we will pass the information on to participants in the Texas Main Street Program, Certified Local Government, County Historical Commission, and Texas Heritage Trails Program as appropriate.

**Q. Where will the presentation event take place?**

**A.** Public presentations are typically held in the community where the business maintains its headquarters although other arrangements may be considered. Recent presentations have taken place in a variety of locations such as:

- A press event outside a business front door in downtown.
- In a community center followed by a reception.
- Inside the business building.
- At the county commissioner's monthly meeting or a city council meeting.
- At the State Capitol, planned by a representative's office.
- On a stage during a music festival in a historic town square.
- In a historic building restored by the architecture firm receiving the award.
- In the county historical museum.

**Q. Should invitations be sent?**

**A.** The THC does not provide invitations. Many events happen without invitations. Some are planned with digital invitations sent electronically. Some event planners rely on word of mouth and media exposure and some have professionally designed announcements.

**Q. Is a program necessary?**

**A.** Just like invitations, having a program is a choice the event planner makes. If all the following entities are in attendance, most often the mayor or city official will act as master of ceremonies, a THC representative will talk briefly about the award program, and state elected officials will present the award. If the nominator is an organization such as Main Street, the County Historical Commission, an economic development corporation or the chamber of commerce, they will often provide remarks on the history of the business or businesses.

**Q. How is the media invited?**

**A.** When an award is designated, two templates are provided in the award packet to assist with a Media Advisory and Press Release. The Media Advisory alerts your media contacts ahead of time about the upcoming event by providing the basic information of who, what, when, and where. The Press Release for distribution the day of the event provides a story on the event with spaces for participant quotes. Both templates may be adapted for your specific needs.

**Q. What about photographs?**

**A.** Determine when photos should be taken either during the presentation or immediately following. Plan who will be responsible for taking the photos and how they will be distributed to media channels. The THC appreciates receiving event photos that include the names of those pictured and will include them in our social media posts whenever possible.

Click [here](#) to obtain a printable copy of this FAQ in a PDF format.

Click [here](#) to download the Event Notification Form.

For more information about the Texas Treasure Business Award, please contact Ginny Owens at [virginia.owens@thc.texas.gov](mailto:virginia.owens@thc.texas.gov) or 512-463-6006.



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# Attachment C

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness  
Chair

Jen Trenbeath  
Secretary

Linda McMahan  
Coordinator/Treasurer

Bruce A. Hamilton  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

Donald Smart  
2nd Vice-Chair

October 13, 2021

The Honorable Robin Mouton  
Mayor of City of Beaumont  
801 Main Street, Room 300  
Beaumont, TX 77701

RE: Relocation of the *Battleship Texas*

Dear Mayor Mouton:

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Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Theresa Goodness

Chair and Historic Preservation Officer

Cc: JCHC file



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