



## JEFFERSON COUNTY

Historical Commission

Theresa Goodness  
Chair

Jen Trenbeath  
Coordinator/Secretary

Treasurer

Steven P. Lewis  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

Don Smart  
2nd Vice-Chair

### Notice of Meeting and Agenda

**The Regular Meeting of the Jefferson County Historical Commission (JCHC) will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 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.
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.

##### **Coordinator's Report** – Jen Trenbeath

- Staff report from Coordinator.

##### **Treasurer's Report** – Jen Trenbeath

- Report of Expenditures and remaining Budget.

##### **Chair's Report** – Chair Theresa Goodness

6. Consider and possibly approve a project assisting Leslie Wolfenden from the Texas Historical Commission with a project to research historical African American travel sites within Jefferson County. The project may involve oral histories, meeting one-on-one with members of the community and research.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Historical Preservation:**

7. Discuss, consider, and possibly approve sending a letter to the Beaumont Independent School District Superintendent and Board recommending preservation of some of the decorative tiles on the exterior of the historic Beaumont High School now under demolition.
8. Discuss status of Gilbert Building in downtown Beaumont following a fire and consider and possibly approve sending letter to Beaumont City Council in support of the building's preservation.
9. Discuss the City of Beaumont's recent July 2, 2024, workshop regarding status of downtown buildings and a possible vacant building registry ordinance for the Central Business District.

#### Beaumont Historical Landmark Commission – Theresa Goodness

- Report on Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness considered by Beaumont Landmark Commission.

#### Tyrrell Historical Library – Steven P. Lewis

- Report on activities of the Tyrrell Historical Library Association.

#### Photos of Historic Buildings - Steven P. Lewis

- Report on historic building photography project.

#### 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.

### **Historical Markers and Research** – Kate Hambright

10. Consider and possibly approve researching subjects for 2024 applications to the Texas Historical Commission for an Undertold Marker.
  - 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 on updates to JCHC website and social media. – Jen Trenbeath
- Report on events at the Stark House Museum. – Katherine Leister
- Report on experience at Fort Manhasset. – Matt Reeves
- Report on Coastal History. – Jay Camp

**Archeology Committee** – Brenda Jackson

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

**Cemetery Committee** – Paul Prosperie

11. Discuss, consider and possibly approve contacting specific property owners adjacent to Sabine Pass Cemetery for the purpose of conducting a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey on a portion of land to look for graves. This item was previously approved in September, 2023, but specific parcels were not identified at that time.

- Report on status of Annual Magnolia Cemetery Tour plans.
- 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.

**Certified Local Government (CLG)** – Theresa Goodness

- Report on status of Preservation Plan objectives.

**Other Business**

12. 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**