



Nacogdoches Historic Landmark Preservation Committee

Monday, June 3, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Notice is hereby given of a Regular Meeting of the Nacogdoches Historic Landmark Preservation Committee to be held on the above date in City Council Chambers of City Hall, 202 E. Pilar St., Nacogdoches, Texas, beginning at 4:00 p.m. for the purpose of considering the following agenda items.

Some Committee Members may attend via videoconference but a quorum of the Committee and the Presiding Officer will be present at the above-stated physical location. The meeting will be streamed live at <https://www.nactx.us/21>. There will be an opportunity for the public to comment on agenda items in person in Council Chambers.

1. CALL TO ORDER.
2. Approval of minutes
 - A. Discuss and consider approval of minutes from the May 6, 2024 meeting.
3. Regular Agenda
 - A. Discuss and consider Certificate of Appropriateness request for the property located at 223 Old Tyler Rd. COA#2024-015
 - B. Review, discuss and offer comments on Section 106 Consultation for the Lanana Creek Bridge project.
 - C. Consider Historic Restoration Grant reimbursement for property located at 107/111 North Pecan St. HRG#2022-002
4. ADJOURN.

The City Council Chambers is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact Jessica Sowell, at 936-559-2960 for further information.



Jessica Sowell, Community Services Director

Rhonda Lewis, City Secretary

I certify that the attached notice and agenda of items to be considered by the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee was removed by me from posting at City Hall on the _____ day of _____, 2024.

Name: _____ Title: _____

MINUTES
Nacogdoches Historic Landmark Preservation Committee
May 6, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers

Commissioners Present: Perky Beisel, Judy Kugle, Joanne Shofner, Zee Whitehead, Vickie Winthrop, Charles Bradberry and Jeff Abt.

Commissioners Absent: Eric Gaylord and Anne Keehnen

Others Present: Jessica Sowell (City Staff), Cecilia Sarmiento (City Staff) and Tori Huddleston (City Staff). Maeline Wheeler, Arthur Relew, Lynn Myers, Michelle Filer and Brad Maule.

Call to Order: Chairman Beisel calls the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

1. Approval of Minutes: May 6, 2024

Staff note they have misspelled Commissioner Keehnens last name and it will be corrected.

Commissioner Abt makes a motion to approve the minutes with the changes as noted.
Commissioner Kugle seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

2. Agenda Item 3A- Discuss and consider Certificate of Appropriateness request for properties located along Houston Street and Mound Street. COA #2024-012

Mrs. Sowell explains the applicant is requesting to bore underground in the areas along Houston Street and North Mound Street consistent with lines marked on the attached map. Fiber optic cable will be run underground using shovels and underground bores. The cable will be encased in 1 ¼ inch conduit and the installation will include 2, 15"x20" flat boxes and 2 underground "flowerpot" style boxes. These boxes will be placed flat, flush with the ground.

Staff find that City Ordinance Criteria B, C, I and K relate to the proposed construction.

Chairman Beisel opens the meeting for public comment. No comments were made and the public comment is closed.

Chairman Beisel asks if there will be an archaeologist on site and available.

Mrs. Sowell states she spoke to the applicant and confirmed that if their staff find pottery shards or anything they aren't familiar with, they stop work and call their archaeologist out on site to inspect what was found.

Commissioner Kugle states the board should ask for an archaeologist on site at all times.

Commissioner Kugle makes a motion to approve COA #2024-012 that it meets city ordinance B, C, I & K with the addition of an archaeologist on site when digging the utility holes. Chairman Beisel seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

3. Agenda Item 3B- Discuss and consider Certificate of Appropriateness request for property located at 116 S. Pecan Street. COA #2024-013

Mrs. Sowell explains the applicant is requesting to install a 4ft by 8ft mural and decorative trim on the south side of the building located at 116 S. Pecan Street. The mural has been painted on a piece of substrate and will be installed on top of the existing bricks using bolts. The applicant is requesting to install a decorative frame around the mural in the style of a "retablo". The frame will give the mural piece and overall dimension of 10 ft by 11.5 ft. The frame will be made of wood and will be attached to the wall using screws with silicone in the screw holes to prevent water from becoming trapped in the holes.

Staff find that City Ordinance Criteria B, C, D, E, F, J and K relate to the proposed project.

Chairman Beisel opens the meeting for public comment.

Lynn Myers and Michelle Filer explain more into detail the mural design, frame design and significance behind the proposed mural. The structure around it is going to be like a retablo and each side would be 2 ft so it will look like doors that would close but they will permanently open. There will be a small structure at the bottom because the sidewalk has slight slant and it needs to be added for support. At the top, there is a dome like shape and the cross will be above that. The theme of the mural is Our Lady of Pilar on Pilar street.

Brad Maule asks if the board would allow a sign that large on the wall that is screwed into the brick and if they are setting a precedent.

Chairman Beisel closes the meeting for public comment.

Commissioner Abt would like to clarify if it has been painted separately on a piece of wood and will it be attached to the wall.

Mrs. Sowell states that is correct.

Commissioner Winthrop asks how old the existing Ghost image is.

Mrs. Sowell states early to mid 1900s, she doesn't know the exact date.

Commissioner Shofner asks if there has been any place where a mural has been put on wood and placed on any historic building.

Mrs. Sowell states that to her knowledge it has not been done in Downtown Nacogdoches.

Chairman Beisel asks how many screw holes are they planning to screw.

Ms. Myer says she does not have an exact amount but to be able to do as few as possible or around a dozen.

Ms. Filer states the painting will not be screwed into the brick, the only screws will be on the framework to hold it up on the building.

Chairman Beisel clarifies the applicant will be installing 4 separate pieces?

Ms. Myers states that is correct.

Commissioner Shofner states that due to the size and weight of the mural and installment, it will most likely require more than 12 screws to hold it up. Does the applicant know the size of the screws that will be needed?

Ms. Myers states she doesn't know the size of the screws.

Commissioner Kugle asks if there is any other alternate way to attach the mural without screwing into the brick.

Ms. Myers states no.

Commissioner Winthrop asks if the applicant has decided on an exact location on the wall?

Ms. Myers states they are leaving it up to the board to decide where would be the best place to install the mural.

Commissioner Shofner asks if anyone knows the dimensions of the building.

Commissioner Bradberry states it is at least 13 feet high.

Commissioner Shofner states the mural will take up the entire middle section.

Commissioner Kugle has a concern about the attachment of the mural to the building.

Commissioner Bradberry has a concern about screwing holes into a recently restored brick building and how it does not need to be covered with a sign.

Commissioner Abt makes a motion to deny COA #2024-013 due to a finding that the proposal is a significant alteration of a building, falling under City Ordinance B. Commissioner Bradberry seconds the motion and the motion passes unanimously.

Multiple members of HLPC expressed that they thought the mural was a beautiful piece of art.

4. Agenda Item 3C- Discuss and consider Certificate of Appropriateness request for property located at 517 East Main Street. COA #2024-014

Mrs. Sowell explains The applicant is requesting to paint a 8ft by 5ft section of the east exterior wall on the building located at 517 East Main Street. The applicant is requesting to paint a poster-style mural reminiscent of military recruitment posters and pin-up art. The applicant has supplied an example of the type of painting they are proposing as well as the location of the painting.

517 East Main is listed as a 1-story rectangular masonry commercial structure with two roof levels and was built in 1950. It is listed as non-contributing to the Downtown Historic District.

Staff find that City Ordinance Criteria B, C, D, H, J and K relate to the proposed project.

Chairman Beisel opens the meeting for public comment.

Lynn Myer explains more into detail the mural design and significance behind the proposed mural. She presents to the board a mock up of the mural. The building used to be Air Force recruitment office, but at that time it was not called the Air Force it was called the Army Air Force so the lettering will be changed to clarify Army Air Force.

Chairman Beisel closes the meeting for public comment.

Commissioner Abt would like to clarify if it is contributing or non-contributing.

Mrs. Sowell clarifies it is non-contributing.

Commissioner Shofner would like to know if the airplane and if the outfit the girl is wearing is in the appropriate time frame and historically accurate?

Michelle Filer states she does not know.

Chairman Beisel makes a motion to approve COA 2024-014 to paint an 8 by 5ft section of the wall and create a mural with the strong suggestion of historically accurate planes and uniforms.

Chairman Beisel opens the meeting to public comment.

Brad Maule asks if “Up and At’em” is a phrase from the military?

Chairman Beisel closes the meeting to public comment.

Mrs. Sowell clarifies the applicant said the “Up and At’em” will be changed to the “Army Air Force” wording as previously mentioned by the applicant.

Ms. Filer states that is correct but the “Up and At’em” wording was taken directly from a recruitment poster.

Commissioner Abt seconds the motion and it passes unanimously.

5. Adjourn @ 4:38 pm.

Attest: Cecilia Sarmiento
Community Services Coordinator

Chairman Perky Beisel



Historic Landmark Preservation Committee Meeting

Date: June 3, 2024

Agenda Item: 3.A.

ITEM/SUBJECT: Consider Historic Restoration Grant reimbursement for property located at 107/111 North Pecan St. HRG#2022-002

STAFF REPORT:

Case Number: HRG 2022-002

Name of Applicant: Kim Crisp

Location: 107/11 N. Pecan Street

Requested Action: Historic Restoration Grant reimbursement

PROPOSED WORK:

STAFF COMMENTS

The applicant was approved to rebuild hand-drawn elevator, patch concrete and remove/replace roof over elevator at an estimated cost of \$75,239.00.

The applicant has provided staff with copies of invoices and proof of payment in the amount of \$80,224.28. The project was funded at 18% of the final project cost not to exceed \$13,543.02.

The final project cost was \$80,224.28. Staff recommends approval of the release of grant funds in the amount of \$13,543.02.

FINANCIAL:

If approved, a check in the amount of \$13,543.02 will be issued to the applicant/property owner.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Expense Report - Crisp
2. Before
3. After

HRG 2022-002 Expense Report

Date	Invoice	Company	Product	Amount	CHK#
2/2/2024	219036	Perez Concrete - Labor	Labor	\$3,541.75	21869
2/9/2024	820178	HME Framing	framing materials	\$8,000.00	30182
2/10/2024	952511	Soto construction	elevator work	\$10,000.00	1259
	952512	Soto construction	elevator work	\$10,369.00	1260
			painting, mortar		
10/27/2022	1961	Hernandez Brothers	work, repairs	\$4,347.50	1156
2/3/2022		Jason Brawly	labor	\$1,350.00	20198
3/31/22		Jason Brawly	labor	\$2,100.00	20577
4/7/2022		Jason Brawly	labor	\$1,900.00	20592
2/29/2024	773358	Jason Brawly	pipe face	\$2,700.00	21912
3/1/2024	820170	HME Framing		\$4,500.00	21915
3/8/2024	219039	Luis Gonzales	concrete work	\$1,570.00	
2/20/2024	17485	Carney Rofing	roof repairs	\$399.92	21914
3/8/2024		Braxton's Construction	lumber and labor	\$9,824.73	30190
3/1/2024		Braxton's Construction	labor	\$1,800.00	21926
3/30/2022	4266330	Lehman's Pipe & Steel	materials	\$485.71	20567
12/22/2021		Lowes	Materials	\$12.81	
07/13/23		Lowes	Materials	\$12.23	
04/05/2023		Lowes	Materials	\$64.86	
8/5/2023		Lowes	Materials	\$16.24	
7/6/2022		Lowes	Materials	\$17.08	
3/15/2022		Lowes	Materials	\$3.25	
2/16/2022		Lowes	Materials	\$14.69	
3/3/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$230.18	
3/3/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$194.55	
2/26/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$54.55	
2/16/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$7.60	
2/27/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$30.98	
3/6/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$509.12	
10/20/2024		Lowes	Materials	\$40.88	
4/5/2022		Lowes	Materials	\$91.15	
2/29/2024		Elliott Electric Supply	Outlets	\$40.94	
2/29/2024		Elliott Electric Supply	Switch	\$12.00	
9/6/2023		National Wholesale Kilgore	Plumbing	\$1,087.92	
4/9/2022	3204-5	Sherwin-Williams	Paint	\$42.67	
3/13/2024	9098-05	Sherwin-Williams	Paint	\$6.67	
3/23/2022		Lehman's Pipe & Steel	Materials	\$38.12	20550
3/29/2022		Lehman's Pipe & Steel	Materials	\$485.71	20567
3/22/2022		Lehman's Pipe & Steel	Materials	\$560.44	20550
3/16/2022		Lehman's Pipe & Steel	Materials	\$522.32	20542
3/16/2022	4254920	Lehman's Pipe & Steel	Materials	\$771.61	20529
3/19/2022	2403-094112	Harry's building Materials	Cement	\$693.56	
2/12/2024	2402-065966	Harry's building Materials	Plywood	\$56.27	
2/26/2024		Amazon	Rope for railings	\$137.79	
3/8/2024		Amazon	Epoxy	\$43.30	
3/6/2024	109315	Few Ready Mix Concrete	Concrete	\$1,138.79	6685
3/7/2024	6828739	Mueller, INC	Trim	\$424.85	
3/3/2024	92904	Lowes	Materials	\$218.67	
2/27/2024		Amazon	Materials	\$6.48	
2/29/2024		Amazon	Materials	\$137.79	
3/9/2024		Amazon	Materials	\$46.11	
2/28/2024	7176809	McCoys Building Supply	Trim/Wood	\$928.09	

3/18/2024	7177551	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$36.70
3/18/2024	7177561	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$56.70
3/14/2024	7177447	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$59.75
3/11/2024	7177254	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$77.36
3/6/2024	7177111	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$47.41
3/6/2024	7177114	McCoys Building Supply	Barrier Foam	\$11.30
3/10/2024	7176637	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$4,173.09
3/10/2024		McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$683.48
3/10/2024	7176671	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$91.44
3/10/2024	7176705	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$257.52
03/10/2024		McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$118.27
2/24/2024	7176637	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$683.48
2/28/2024	7176816	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$417.04
2/28/2024	7176797	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$53.51
2/29/2024	7176846	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$58.12
2/29/2024	7176883	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$67.09
3/2/2024		McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$249.83
3/2/2024	7176946	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$210.29
3/2/2024	7176954	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$252.94
3/2/2024	7176955	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$35.98
3/4/2024	7176998	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$702.75
2/27/0204	14158039	McCoys Building Supply	Timber	\$50.55
3/10/2024	7176769	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$181.05
3/14/2024	7177447	McCoys Building Supply	Materials	\$59.75
1/17/2024	1202882-3	Pro Star Rental	Excavator Rental	\$304.86

Project Total	\$ 80,529.14
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Approved for 18% of final cost not to exceed \$13,543.02

18% of final cost = \$

Award amount = \$13,543.02







Historic Landmark Preservation Committee Meeting

Date: June 3, 2024

Agenda Item: 3.B.

ITEM/SUBJECT: Discuss and consider Certificate of Appropriateness request for the property located at 223 Old Tyler Rd. COA#2024-015

STAFF REPORT:

Case Number: COA 2024-15

Name of Applicant: Cynthia Glad

Location: 223 Old Tyler Rd

Requested Action: Paint exterior of the building including building, deck and ramp and addition of a new sign

PROPOSED WORK:

The applicant is requesting to paint the exterior of the building including all exterior walls, deck and railing. The current color pallet is gray with blue trim. The applicant is requesting to paint the building a roasted chestnut brown with black trim and black stain on the deck and railing.

The applicant is also requesting to install a new sign on the West facade of the building in the location of the existing sign and a new sign on the North side of the building. The signs will be 5ft by 8ft aluminum signs attached to the corrugated metal building using drilled holes and spacers. The signs will be the logo for the new business (design attached).

STAFF COMMENTS

The building is a corrugated metal building with a metal roof. It is located at the corner of Old Tyler Road and West Main Street on the Western edge of the Downtown Historic District. The building is not listed in the 1986 Historic Sites Survey. It was most recently used as the Morrison Supply Building.

Staff find that City Ordinance Criteria B, G, H and J relate to the proposed construction.

B - Minimal alterations. Every reasonable effort shall be made to adapt the property in a manner which requires minimal alteration of the building, structure, object, or site and its environment.

G - Repair and replacement of features. Deteriorated architectural features shall be repaired rather than replaced, wherever possible. If replacement is necessary, the new material should reflect the material being replaced in composition, design, texture, and other visual qualities. Repair or replacement of missing architectural features should be based on accurate duplications of features, substantiated by historical, physical, or pictorial evidence, rather than on conjectural designs or the availability of different architectural elements from other buildings or structures.

H -Cleaning of structures. The surface cleaning of structures shall be undertaken with the gentlest means possible. Sandblasting and other cleaning methods that will damage the historic building materials shall not be undertaken.

J - Acceptability of contemporary designs for alterations. Contemporary design for alterations and additions to existing properties shall not be discouraged when such alterations and additions do not destroy significant historical, architectural or cultural material, and such design is

compatible with the size, scale, material, and character of the property, neighborhood or environment

Chapter 10 (Signs) of the Nacogdoches Design Guidelines also applies to this request:

2. These types of signs may be considered:

- Flush-mounted signs
- Short, free-standing signs
- Projecting signs
- Window signs
- Awning signs
- Monument signs affixed to the ground for auto-orientated businesses
- Product display signs

4. Position flush-mounted signs so they will fit withing architectural features.

7. Mount signs so they will not obscure any architectural details

9. Sign materials should be compatible with the facade materials. Painted wood and metal are encouraged as sign materials because they relate well to the historic buildings downtown

FINANCIAL:

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. 223 Old Tyler Rd. Photo
2. Muddy Pants sign design
3. West facade - sign location
4. North facade - sign location
5. 223 Old Tyler Rd. Map

current building surfaces

existing sign



Muddy Pants
Pottery



Proposed sign
location

West Facade



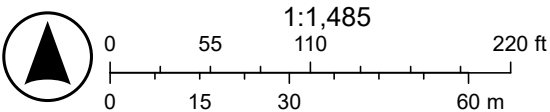
**Proposed sign
location**

North Facade

City of Nacogdoches GIS



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City of Nacogdoches



Historic Landmark Preservation Committee Meeting

Date: June 3, 2024

Agenda Item: 3.C.

ITEM/SUBJECT: Review, discuss and offer comments on Section 106 Consultation for the Lanana Creek Bridge project.

STAFF REPORT:

As a Certified Local Government, City of Nacogdoches staff and the Historic Landmark Preservation Committee are asked to review and offer comment on any Section 106 reviews that are initiated by the State of Texas or one of its organizations. These comments will be taken into consideration when finalizing project plans, but the comments offered by staff and HLPC are not guaranteed to influence the outcome of the proposed project.

TxDOT has set the deadline to comment on this project as June 14, 2024.

PROPOSED WORK:

Information provided by TxDOT

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning a project at the crossing of BU-SH 7 at La Nana Creek in Nacogdoches County (Figures 1-2). Currently, there is a historic-age bridge at that crossing. If your CLG believes the project bridge to be significant at a local or regional level, please provide a written response to TxDOT.

Environmental issues, including evaluation of bridge's historical significance, are scheduled to be resolved by March 2026. When resolved, the project will be cleared for construction. Project location map and photos of the bridge are attached.

The project bridge was built in 1941 and reconstructed in 1963. The bridge is classified as a simple span concrete slab on concrete bents. This bridge is included in TxDOT's Historic Bridge Inventory, developed in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission to identify significant bridges. This bridge inventory identifies TxDOT's historic bridges constructed before 1965 and lists whether or not those bridges were determined important on a state-wide level. The Inventory deemed this bridge to be less historically significant relative to other bridges in the state.

Moreover, we request the CLG's help to locate historic properties within our project area. Historic properties are generally those that are 50 years old that are listed in, or eligible to be listed in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). To date, our research identified NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES within the project area. However, research identified five historic-age properties within the project area:

901 E Main St---two ca. 1970s commercial buildings

802 E Main Street----ca. 1926-built warehouse

115 Rulfs Street---ca. 1940s-built commercial garage

725 E Main Street---late 1970s to early 1980s-built commercial garage

711 E Main Street---ca. late-1970s to early-1980s-built commercial warehouse

STAFF COMMENTS

The properties listed in the TxDOT letter are a part of the Downtown National Register Historic District. 711, 725 and 901 East Main Street were not surveyed in the 1986 Historic Sites Survey, they were surveyed in 2010 and are listed as commercial structures in the Downtown Historic District. 115 Rulfs Street was not surveyed in 1986 or 2010.

802 East Main Street was surveyed in 1986 and recorded as a 1920s brick building currently being used as the Lanana Cleaning and Laundry. At that time it was listed as good condition, the 2010 survey listed it as in fair condition.

FINANCIAL:

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. TxDOT Letter
2. TxDOT supporting documentation

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May 15, 2024

City of Nacogdoches (CLG)
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NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT: HISTORIC BRIDGE DETERMINATION
Business State Highway (BU-SH) 7 at La Nana Creek (CSJ 0118-08-085)
Nacogdoches County, Lufkin District

Dear Ms. Sowell,

The Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is planning a project at the crossing of BU-SH 7 at La Nana Creek in Nacogdoches County (**Figures 1-2**). Currently, there is a historic-age bridge at that crossing. If your CLG believes the project bridge to be significant at a local or regional level, please provide a written response to TxDOT no later than **June 14, 2024**. More information on our comment process is provided below. If we do not receive a response by **June 14, 2024**, we will assume that you concur with TxDOT's assessment of the bridge's significance.

Environmental issues, including evaluation of bridge's historical significance, are scheduled to be resolved by March 2026. When resolved, the project will be cleared for construction. Project location map and photos of the bridge are attached.

The project bridge was built in 1941 and reconstructed in 1963. The bridge is classified as a simple span concrete slab on concrete bents. This bridge is included in TxDOT's Historic Bridge Inventory, developed in cooperation with the Texas Historical Commission to identify significant bridges. This bridge inventory identifies TxDOT's historic bridges constructed before 1965 and lists whether or not those bridges were determined important on a state-wide level. The Inventory deemed this bridge to be less historically significant relative to other bridges in the state.

However, your CLG may feel that the bridge is significant at a local or regional level. If so, use the attached questionnaire and website links to develop a written response to TxDOT that provides details about the bridge's significance based on its association with historic events. Please provide a written response no later than **June 14, 2024**.

Moreover, we request the CLG's help to locate historic properties within our project area. Historic properties are generally those that are 50 years old that are listed in, or eligible to be listed in, the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). To date, **our research identified NO HISTORIC PROPERTIES within the project area. However, research identified five historic-age properties within the project area:**

- 901 E Main St---two ca. 1970s commercial buildings (**Figure 3-4**)
- 802 E Main Street---ca. 1926-built warehouse (**Figure 5**)
- 115 Rulfs Street---ca. 1940s-built commercial garage (**Figure 6**)
- 725 E Main Street---late 1970s to early 1980s-built commercial garage (**Figure 7**)
- 711 E Main Street---ca. late-1970s to early-1980s-built commercial warehouse (**Figure 8**)

TxDOT has determined none of the historic-age properties as eligible for the NRHP.

If your CLG feels that the structures do not have any local/regional significance, please sign this letter and return it to TxDOT by **June 14, 2024**, or respond via e-mail or phone call; see contact info below. We will assume that you have no additional comments on the bridge's significance if we do not receive your response within 30 days.

Thanks for your assistance in this project review. **If you have questions or feedback about the bridge or this review process**, please contact me or Scott Wahlberg at (936) 633-4319 or scott.wahlberg@txdot.gov. When replying to this correspondence by US Mail, please ensure that the envelope address includes reference to Lufkin District Office, Attn: Scott Wahlberg.

Sincerely,

Jason Rivas
Project Planner – Historical Studies
Environmental Affairs Division
TxDOT Stassney

This letter and its enclosures serve to initiate our identification efforts through consultation with the City of Nacogdoches on this proposed project.¹ **Please concur with our finding of no historic bridge present in the project area and/or provide other comments below.**

Jessica Sowell, Community Service Director

Date:

Comments:

¹ The environmental review, consultation, and other actions required by applicable Federal environmental laws for this project are being, or have been, carried out by TxDOT pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 327 and a Memorandum of Understanding dated December 9, 2019, and executed by FHWA and TxDOT. TxDOT's regulatory role for this project is that of the Federal action agency.

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Is this bridge historically important?

Asking questions is the best approach to information gathering and telling the story of why a bridge is important to your community. Researching the answers provides the information needed to tell the story of a bridge and document the relevant “Who, What, When, Where, Why, and How” information. By letting TxDOT know about the important events and persons

surrounding a bridge, TxDOT can plan a better project. TxDOT produced a “A Guide to the Research and Documentation of Local Texas Bridges” to help you know where to start in researching a bridge’s history. A lot of history can be found in local resources. Write down the results of this research so it can easily be shared with us, other state agencies, and interested parties. Not all of the below questions may be answered by your research but are something to get you started while thinking about the information to gather.

1. When was the bridge built? By whom and how? TxDOT may have this information already, or you could research county commissioner minutes to find the answer.
2. Why was the road built? Often counties build roads to connect farms or ranches to county seats or regional markets, or to connect smaller communities.
3. Did the bridge/road promote economic development in the area? Sometimes new roadways facilitated the transportation of goods and services, thus promoting economic growth.
4. Did the road help with the development of new towns or the growth of existing towns? Improved transportation, such as the construction of railroads or the paving or widening of new roads, allowed for goods and services to move easier and for people to settle in an area.
5. What types of communities did the bridge historically serve? What is the land use of the surrounding area--primarily agricultural, industrial, residential, etc.?
6. What industries did the road serve (agriculture, mining, milling)?
7. Are there any unique facts or stories related to the waterway this bridge crosses? Any major flooding events?
8. Was the bridge constructed as a part of a federal relief program during the Depression era? The New Deal economic programs were responses, passed by Congress, to the Great Depression under the presidency of Franklin D Roosevelt in the 1930s. These bridges may include a plaque referencing the Works Progress Administration (WPA) or Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) or be constructed with masonry elements.
9. What events made the construction of this bridge necessary? Often, flooding washed away earlier bridges. Growth of a community may require a larger crossing.
10. Are any significant historical persons associated with this bridge’s construction, maintenance, or use? Sometimes, a particular politician or county commissioner advocated for the construction of a road or a bridge. Important engineers or companies may be involved in the design and erection of the bridge.
11. How does the community today feel about the bridge? Is there local support and interest in the bridge?

Additional Resources

Below is a list of websites that may assist in writing the bridge's history and also further explain the federal government's role in considering actions on historic resources:

- [http://www.txdot.gov/inside-
txdot/division/environmental/historic-bridge.html](http://www.txdot.gov/inside-
txdot/division/environmental/historic-bridge.html)
Under the **More Information** header close to the bottom of this page is our *Guide to the Research and Documentation of Local Texas Bridges*, developed to assist County Historical Commissions find the histories of local bridges.
- <http://www.thc.texas.gov/preserve/historic-bridges-texas>
This is the Texas Historical Commission's Historic Bridge's website. The website offers guidance on identifying, prioritizing, and managing historic bridges, plus it provides a timeline on historic bridges of Texas and highlights different historic bridge types, innovations, etc.
- <http://historicbridgefoundation.com/>
This is the Historic Bridge Foundation website. It includes a bulletin on historic bridges, additional historic bridge resources, and tips on saving and marketing historic bridges.
- www.achp.gov/docs/CitizenGuide.pdf
This website explains how the federal government must consider its effects on historic properties and how communities can use their voice to impact these considerations.
- [www.thc.state.tx.us/project-review/national-historic-
preservation-act/section-106-review-process](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/project-review/national-historic-
preservation-act/section-106-review-process)
This website offers comprehensive information on the Section 106 process and the role of all participants in the process.

Figure 1---Google Earth image of the project location



Figure 2---Google Earth image of the potential project area



Figures 3-4---901 E Main St---ca. 1970s commercial buildings



Figure 5---802 E Main Street---ca. 1926-built warehouse



Figure 6---115 Rulfs Street---ca. 1940s-built commercial garage



Figure 7---725 E Main Street---late 1970s to early 1980s-built commercial garage



Figure 8---711 E Main Street---ca. late-1970s to early-1980s-built commercial warehouse

