



**CERTIFIED LOCAL
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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

Report of the LCHC Certified Local Government Committee to Commissioners Court–Aug. 2025

Pursuant to State statutes and the Bylaws of the Lubbock County Historical Commission, County Historic Preservation Officer Cameron L. Saffell submits this report of the activities of the Certified Local Government Committee. There is one action item to the Lubbock County Commissioners—a report on the National Register nomination for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building (#3 below). Other items are pursuant to statutory requirements for a regular report of recent meetings and developments.

1. The Certified Local Government (CLG) Committee of the Lubbock County Historical Commission (LCHC) met on July 8th and August 6th. Other than the approval of minutes of past meetings, there were no action items on the agenda, with the exception of the review of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company application to the National Register (discussed below) at the latter meeting
2. Section 106 Related Reviews
 - a. In July 2025 the CLG/LCHC received notice from Phase Engineering LLC of a forthcoming design and renovation project for The Ella apartment complex at 1102 58th Street. The request was inviting Lubbock County and the CLG to be a consulting party in the forthcoming review process. Based on my preliminary review, and in consultation with other members of the CLG, we do not believe any work there will affect any historic properties, nor would The Ella itself qualify as a historic property. Therefore, pending any further research that Phase Engineering might generate that would cause us to reassess the opinion, I believe that in the end a “no impacts” finding will be reached with no additional action necessary.

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3. National Register nomination reviews. By statute, the County Judge and the Certified Local Government Committee are required to review and make comments regarding any proposed nomination of a property to the National Register of Historic Places.
- a. In July the Texas Historical Commission notified Lubbock County of a proposed nomination for the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company building at 611 23rd Street in Lubbock, which will be considered by the THC's State Board of Review at its next meeting on September 19, 2025. Pursuant to that notification, during its special meeting of August 6th the CLG Committee reviewed the nomination and compiled the attached report of its findings and recommendations. In summary, the CLG Committee is recommending the nomination be advanced to the Keeper of the National Register, an officer of the National Park Service, for listing on the National Register of Historic Places; if, however, the State Review Board believes edits and modifications are required, the CLG Committee has noted a couple of small errors and suggested a couple of comments, largely regarding references to proximate highways at the time of construction as compared to today's situation.

The CLG Committee makes the following recommendations to the Lubbock County Commissioners Court regarding this nomination:

- i. Adopt the CLG Committee's *Findings and Recommendations Regarding the National Register Nomination of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building*, or in lieu thereof provide direction to the CLG Committee for any modifications or additions to that document.
- ii. Authorize the CLG Committee's *Findings and Recommendations* be forwarded to the Texas Historical Commission's National Register Program and the CLG Program as outlined in the latter's letter to County Judge Parrish on July 15, 2025.
- iii. Authorize the County Judge to submit letters jointly on behalf of the County and for the Certified Local Government Committee as required. A proposed text of the letter is included on the last page.

Recommended motion: The Lubbock County Commissioners Court adopts the CLG Committee's *Findings and Recommendations Regarding the National Register Nomination of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company Building* and authorizes the County Judge to submit letters jointly to the Texas Historical Commission on behalf of the County and for the Certified Local Government Committee with the CLG Committee's *Findings and Recommendations* enclosed.

Proposed Cover Letter to the Texas Historical Commission

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Proposed text of letter:

The Lubbock County Commissioner's Court, the Lubbock County Historical Commission, and the Certified Local Government Committee acknowledge receipt of the Texas Historical Commission's request for our opinions regarding the proposed nomination of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, 611 23rd Street, to the National Register of Historic Places. The Court and the CLG Committee have reviewed the nomination package and concur that the property is eligible and worthy of nomination, and we fully support this nomination going forward.

The CLG Committee compiled a report of findings and recommendations concerning the proposed nomination document, which is attached. The CLG Committee found a couple of minor errors and offered several observations about the proximity to local highways at the time of construction in site selection and in the building contractor (Tidmore Construction). The Court and the CLG Committee believes these issues should not impede this nomination being advanced in the process; however, if the State Board of Review sees fit to ask for revisions, we ask the CLG Committee's report be included in the materials returned to the authors with our request that our observations be included in a revised application.

The Court and the County Historical Commission endorse and support the nomination of this property and encourages the State Board of Review and the State Historic Preservation Officer to recommend the approval of the nomination and its submittal to the Keeper of the National Register at the National Parks Service.