



**CERTIFIED LOCAL
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The State Agency for Historic Preservation

Report of the LCHC Certified Local Government Committee to Commissioners Court—Apr. 2022

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 In Town Inn (#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 January 11th and April 12th. Other than the approval of minutes of past meetings, there were no action items on the agenda.
 - a. The January 11th meeting included routine information reports and approval of minutes of past meetings, with no action items on the agenda.
 - b. The April 12th meeting coincided with our regular schedule and included routine information reports, approval of minutes of the January 11th meeting, and one action item to review and make comments and recommendations regarding a proposed nomination to the National Register of Historic Places (see below).
 - c. In February 2022 the Texas Historical Commission (THC) filed a report of its four-year review of the Certified Local Government status of Lubbock County. The report found no deficiencies and only made minor recommendations and reminders about the CLG's operation. THC recommended renewing the Certified Local Government certification for the next period of four years.

2. Section 106 Related Reviews
 - a. In January 2022 the CLG/LCHC received notice from American Towers LLC via the Federal Communications Commission automated filing system of a forthcoming tower project installation in a 75' x 75' lease area at approximately 13805 Highway 87 (just southeast of the intersection of US Highway 87 and FM 1585). This request and method is routine and typically results in a "no impacts" finding (confirmed by the Lubbock County Historic Preservation Officer) with no additional action necessary.

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 March the Texas Historical Commission notified Lubbock County of a proposed nomination for the In Town Inn Motor Inn Complex at 1202 Main Street in Lubbock, which will be considered by the THC's State Board of Review at its next meeting on May 21, 2022. Pursuant to that notification, during its regular meeting of April 12th 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 several comments, largely regarding the inclusion of social history associated with the In Town Inn, that it requests be forwarded to the authors.

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 In Town Inn Motor Inn Complex*, 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 March 16, 2022.
- 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 In Town Inn Motor Inn Complex* 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 In Town Inn, 1202 Main 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, as well as expresses concern about the narrative's lacking of social history of individuals associated with the property. 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.