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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC Beaumont Commercial District

** AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER ~~Streets included are~~ roughly bounded by Pearl, Orleans, Crockett, ~~Fannin,~~ Gilbert Laurel, Willow, Neches ~~and~~ Bowie, Broadway, & Main Sts.

__NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN Beaumont

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

__ VICINITY OF

STATE Texas CODE

COUNTY Jefferson CODE

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	X PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	X ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	__YES: RESTRICTED	X GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	X YES: UNRESTRICTED	X INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Multiple Ownerships (See Continuation Sheets)

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

__ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Jefferson County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER 1100 Pearl

CITY, TOWN Beaumont

STATE Texas

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE SPARE Beaumont

DATE January, 1977

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Beaumont Heritage Society

CITY, TOWN Beaumont

STATE TX

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Beaumont Commercial District represents an aggregation of the remnants of a once flourishing downtown commercial core with adjacent industrial areas. The local economy generated by the successful timber and rice industries of the nineteenth century was jolted by the discovery of oil at Spindletop in 1901 and later by deep oil finds in 1925. The economic impact of these industries can well be traced in the late nineteenth century facade rows bordering Pearl St. and the public and private buildings constructed in the first third of the twentieth century. The district consists of eight whole city blocks with portions of another two blocks which encompass all of the commercial structures identified as buildings of merit in a recent architectural survey of the city. Although the district boundary is irregular, the district has been drawn to include commercial structures bordering on two parallel streets, Pearl and Orleans, with one adjacent industry-related complex to the southeast of the main commercial core.

The district can not be categorized in any particular shape because of its irregularity. A verbal description is as follows: Beginning at the intersection of Broadway and Pearl, southeast along the 200 block of Pearl, northeast along the 200 block of Liberty, southeast along the 300 block of Main, southwest along the 200 block of Crockett, southeast along the 400 block of Pearl, northeast along the 200 block of Milam, southeast along the 500, 600 and 700 block of Main, southwest along the 200 block of Wall, southeast along the 800 and 900 block of Pearl, southwest along the 300 block of Gilbert, northwest from the corner of Gilbert and Orleans through the 500 block of Orleans, southwest along the 400 and 500 block of Milam, northwest to the middle of the 400 block of Neches, southwest through to the middle of the 400 block of Jefferson, northwest to the middle of the 300 block of Jefferson, northeast to the alley, then north to Laurel, east along the 900 and 800 block of Laurel to Willow, north along the 400 block of Willow, west along the 800 block of Liberty, north to Broadway, east along the 800 block of Broadway to Orleans, southeast along Orleans to its intersection with Broadway and then northeast along Broadway to the origination at Broadway and Pearl. (See Continuation Sheet, page 2)

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Bowie ?

The best of Beaumont's remaining commercial architecture are represented within the district boundaries. The nineteenth century facade rows in the 200 block of Crockett (A-64), the 500 block of Pearl (A34-A37) and the 200 block of Bowie (A-2) are indicative of the commercial prosperity generated by the timber and rice industries. These facade rows are the last groupings of a flourishing downtown center and their proximity to each other identifies this three block area as the older inner core. In the adjacent blocks, representations of private investment and municipal wealth can also be traced. The Tyrrell Library (A-39), a uniquely styled structure was built in 1903 as a church but was purchased in 1924 by a successful businessman and donated to the city for a library. The Heisig Building, (A-43) a fine Victorian commercial structure at the terminus of the district was built as a hotel for the overwhelming numbers of people that were drawn to the city for its new found prosperity. The City Hall and Auditorium (A-41), constructed in 1928, evidences the financial success of the municipality and commercial ventures such as the King Edward Hotel (A-42), the Hotel Beaumont (A-44) and the Jefferson Theatre (A-4) reveal considerable private investment in the boom city.

Prominent architectural styles of the era are represented in the Art Deco styled Kyle Building (A-50) and at 495 Orleans (A-46). The classical revival style is also well represented in the Federal building (A-51) and the City Hall and Auditorium (A-41). High-rise structures constructed in the 1920's and 1930's are prominent landmarks and represent the international influence on the emerging city. These include the San Jacinto Building (A-45), the Edson Hotel (A-29) and the Goodhue Building (A-30).

The industrial structures are well represented by warehouse buildings such as the Stedman Fruit Co. (A-54) and the former depot and warehouse of the Santa Fe railroad (A-67). Companies such as Wells Fargo were also housed in this area such as in the building at 900 Willow (E-39). Remnants of the earlier buildings from still active industries are found at the old Oil City Brass Works complex on Crockett St. (A-69). This industrial area is adjacent to the commercial core and illustrates how it both supported and thrived from the growing economics of the city.

No single description can typify the existing conditions in the Beaumont Commercial District. It has suffered the fate of many of downtown areas which fell victim to suburbs and shopping malls. The decline in this area has contributed to the loss of many buildings whose presence or maintenance could not be justified due to the inactivity of the area. Many other businesses remained and continued to occupy and utilize the older structures. Typical examples of this are in the forementioned facade rows whose lower floors have been modified to suit the occupant but whose upper floors remain intact. Other structures have remained totally original in exterior appearance. Some of the older high-rise structures stand vacant while others are utilized and the influx of people to the older office towers certainly contribute to the preservation and use of the smaller support structures.

In very recent years, there has been considerable interest in the downtown area as a renewed civic and commercial area. Master planning for the area has culminated in the construction of new civic buildings such as the library and municipal building. These new structures are in the 800 and 900 block of Pearl and are adjacent to the boundary of the Beaumont Commercial District. Their architecture is compatible with the

scale of the streetscape and their form and materials complement the historical architecture. Other prominent newer structures in the district, such as the savings and loan building in the 300 block of Pearl make a truly contemporary statement but with sensitivity for the scale of its nineteenth century neighbors. There are of course the intrusions to the district which are unavoidable in the development of a commercial area. However, no intrusion overshadows a grouping of historic structures or detracts significantly from the character of the district.

The following is a list of structures identified in the recent architectural survey as those possessing architectural significance. The number associated with each building is the inventory number from the survey and it is listed here in its numerical sequence:

A-2. Plummer American Printing Co., 200 Bowie.

This turn of the century brick facade row has sustained modification to its first floor but retains the streetscape character with the sidewalk canopy. The brick detailing is typical for the era and is similar to other buildings included herein.

A-4. Jefferson Theater, 345 Fannin.

This theater was built in 1927 as an area show place for motion pictures, vaudeville and stage shows. The facade, unaltered with the exception of the first floor, displays classical detailing mixed with other influences in a symmetrical arrangement. The interior reflects a Spanish motif with elaborate detailing around the proscenium arch and simulated balcony boxes. A large console organ is still maintained within.

A-27. Facade row, 270/278 Pearl.

A typical facade row with symmetrical elements. Pilasters are located between the upper floor windows on both facades. The first floors have been modified.

A-28. Harrel's News Building, 341 Pearl.

This commercial structure has classical detailing on two facades. Pilasters with large capitals flank rows of windows separated by inset decorative panels. A cast stone balustrade rests on top of the cornice. A sidewalk canopy still hangs from the building.

A-29. Edson Hotel, 301 Pearl.

This 22-story hotel was completed in 1929 at a cost of 1.5 million. It was designed by F. W. and D. E. Steinman of Beaumont and was the tallest hotel building in Texas. The building has classical detailing such as decorative pilasters, detailed cornices and quoins.

A-30. Goodhue Building, 398 Pearl.

This 11-story building was built in 1926 of reinforced concrete, brick and stone. Designed by Tisdale and Stone of Tennessee, the interior was highly ornamented with brass, marble and hardwoods. The building combines Gothic and Romanesque detailing.

A-32. Gilbert Building, 488 Pearl.

This building was remodeled and another floor added in 1926. The architects were F. W. Steinman and Son. The brick structure has a heavy horizontal coursing with pilasters and a decorative cornice.

A-34. Temperance Building, 501 Pearl.

This large three-story brick structure was built in the late nineteenth century. The exterior walls are scored plaster with detailing by various brick indentations in a regular pattern. The first floor has been modified and a corner turret removed.

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A-35. H. A. Perlstein Building, 591 Pearl.

This two-story structure was designed to appear as three separate structures. It was built in 1899 and displays brick detailing typical of the era.

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A-36. Facade row, 551/554 Pearl.

These two-story plastered facades have been modified with the removal of their metal cornice and remodeled first floors.

#2&3 no date

A-37. Perlstein Building, 595 Pearl.

Originally six stories, it was partially destroyed by fire in 1944 and rebuilt to five stories. It was the tallest building in Beaumont from 1907 to 1921. The building is relatively simple in detail with a heavy cornice between the third and fourth floors.

#3 ?

A-39. Tyrrell Public Library, 695 Pearl.

Originally built in 1903 for the First Baptist Church, the building was bought in 1924 by Capt. W. C. Tyrrell and donated to the city for use as a library. It is a unique Texas example of the style of Henry Hobson Richardson's Romanesque Revival.

#5

A-41. City Hall and Auditorium, 700 Pearl.

This classical revival structure was constructed in 1928 to house all city offices and a 2,378 seat auditorium. It was built in a style that was popular for civic structures of its era and is a very fine representation of the classical order designed by local architects, Douglas E. and F. W. Steinman.

A-42. King Edward Hotel, 800 Pearl.

Built in 1927 for one million dollars, it was the duplicate of the Ben Milam Hotel in Houston. Rising twelve stories, it contained 237 rooms. The woodwork was primarily Texas gum. The facade on the first and second floors has classical detailing with elaborate metal canopies at the entrances.

A-43. Heisig Building, 990 Pearl.

This late nineteenth century three-story structure has sustained little modification to its two street facades. It combines cast iron detailing with scored plaster pilasters and rusticated stone lintels. Granite columns flank the central doorway on Pearl.

A-44. Hotel Beaumont, 627 Orleans.

This 250 room hotel was built in 1922 for $1,000,000. It was known as the "civic center" because most all the civic organizations used it as their meeting place. Elaborate cast stone detailing is found on the ground floors with a sidewalk canopy at street level. The top floor has balconies at every opening and the structure is capped with an overhanging cornice.

A-45. San Jacinto Building, 597 Orleans.

This 15-story edifice was constructed in 1921 and is a good example of a commercial skyscraper structure. It houses a large clock in its tower, which at the time of its installation was the fourth largest clock tower in the United States. The clock has four faces and is seventeen feet across.

A-46. Rotan-Mosle, Inc., 495 Pearl.

This structure built in the 1930's has symmetrical facades on both street fronts. It is rich in Art Deco carved stone detailing and one of several structures in the district that represent very refined Art Deco design.

A-47. Beaumont Savings and Loan, 470 Orleans.

This 11-story structure is very rich in classical detailing. The first floor has two-story pilasters flanking large arched openings. The uppermost floors repeat the pilaster/arched opening motif with a classical cornice and balustrade on top. The facade and detailing are of stone veneer.

A-48. New Rosemont Hotel, 443 Orleans.

This three story brick hotel is trapezoidal due to the location of once existing railroad right-of-way on its north side. Its brick detailing is typical of the era.

A-49. The Treasure House, 336 Orleans.

Two more floors were added to a Victorian two-story commercial structure to create the present building. The brick detailing on the upper two floors differs from the brick/stone detailing on the lower two floors. The building is trapezoidal because of a once existing railroad right-of-way.

A-50. Kyle Building, 200 Orleans.

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Built in the 1930's, this two-story building covers the whole 200 block of Orleans. Unified in architectural design, it originally housed separate stores and offices. It is a superb example of the Art Deco style with cut stone and metal ornamentation on three street facades.

A-51. U. S. Post Office, 300 Willow.

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This building is a very fine representation of the classical revival style prevalent in civic buildings in the first half of this century. This building was built in 1933 at a cost of $463,000.

A-54. Stedman Fruit Co., 417 Neches.

This is a two-story brick warehouse occupying a half city block. The unaltered structure is ornamented with stone detailing around openings and at pilaster crowns. Metal canopies hang at the loading platforms.

A-64. Facade row, 200 block of Crockett.

This facade row is the most numerous single grouping of nineteenth century structures. They are a mixture of two and three story buildings constructed of brick with plastered and painted brick fronts. The three-story buildings have metal cornices while the two-story buildings have detailing typical of the era. First floor facades have been altered on some of the buildings. The buildings were originally constructed for stores, offices and hotels.

A-65. Night's, 497 Crockett.

A nicely detailed two-story brick structure with arched openings on both floors and decorative brick cornice. The first floor has been modified and the windows sealed on the second floor.

A-66. Tinkle's, 502 Crockett.

A two-story brick structure with typical brick detailing. Formerly used as a railroad hotel, it is irregularly shaped because of the railroad right-of-way.

A-67. Old Santa Fe Depot, 609 Crockett.

This two-story brick structure is located in the industrial area at the terminus of one of the main railroad lines into the downtown area. Subtle brick detailing is used for lintels over the openings and in the coursing. A one-story warehouse area and loading dock remains as does a large parking area and street curb constructed of matching brick pavers.

A-69. Oil City Brass Works, 696/714/780 Crockett.

One and two-story brick buildings comprising part of a larger industrial complex specializing in metals fabrication. The company has been in operation since the beginning of the century.

E-39. Warehouse, 900 Laurel.

One-story brick structure formerly housed offices of Wells Fargo. The building displays a railroad-style influence with a very wide overhang and large curved brackets supporting it.

The district boundaries were drawn to encompass the concentration of older buildings in the commercial core of Beaumont as indicated by the architectural survey. Similar residential concentrations can be seen on the map to the north and south of the proposed district. The boundaries were drawn to exclude blocks where there were no buildings eligible for listing in the survey. Although somewhat irregular, the boundary lines were drawn to define the streets and blocks that are visually impacted by the older buildings and streetscapes.

All of the buildings presently extant are indicated within the district boundary. The open spaces are primarily parking lots where other buildings have been cleared. Present development on the civic center complex, adjacent to the District, has prompted some building owners to clear property in anticipation of the demand for parking.

Other than the building dates indicated on the submittal, there are none other available at this time.

The criteria for evaluating the individual buildings include the following:

Contributing to the district: These are buildings that were included on the architectural survey as either high or medium preservation priority. They were recognized for their age and their architectural scale and detailing.

Compatible with the district: These are buildings that are similar in scale to the "contributing" buildings. They also conform to the cornice heighths and fenestration pattern of the "contributing" buildings. In some cases, these buildings are older buildings with modified facades that do not totally destroy the original characteristics. In other instances they are newer constructions that conform to the older buildings in scale and fenestration.

Intrusions to the district: There are buildings that are generally of current construction and possess none of the same characteristics as the older buildings. They do not conform and are obtrustive infill to the streetscape.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
X 1800-1899	X COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	X INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The City of Beaumont started in the 1830's as a small river crossing settlement and grew steadily during the last half of the 19th Century due to its transportation and lumber industries. The town played significant roles in both the Texas Revolution and the Civil War, but the thriving industrial town became nationally prominent as a result of two sensational oil discoveries at the Spindletop oil field in the early 20th Century.

The earliest recorded settlers of the Beaumont area were Noah and Nancy Tevis and their seven children from Tennessee. They settled on what is now known as Tevis Bluff on the Neches River around 1825 under the protection of Lorenzo de Zavala, who was granted land in 1829 by the Mexican government. By this time small groups of log dwellings were scattered throughout the area. Seven houses and one trading post have been attributed to the settlement in 1830 when Thomas F. and Joshua Lewis brought their families to the area from North Carolina.

The town of Beaumont was laid out in 1835, with formal organization and platting taking place two years later. It was during this organizational period that families fleeing Santa Anna's army during the "Runaway Scrape" of the Texas Revolution were forced to camp on the banks of the flooded Neches. Provisions were scarce and panic imminent by the time word reached the refugees of Texas' victory at San Jacinto on April 21, 1836.

Feeling secure in their recently won independence from Mexico, a small group of Tevis Bluff, or Neches River Settlement, pioneers recorded the 100-acre township of Beaumont in the Jefferson County Courthouse at Orange in 1837. The next year reorganization of the county changed the seat of government for Jefferson County from Orange to Beaumont.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. SPARE Beaumont, Beaumont Heritage Society, January 1977.
2. Tyrell Public Library. Building Files.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 50

UTM REFERENCES

	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
D A	1 5	3 9 3 6 4 5	3 3 2 8 5 6 0	A B	1 5	3 9 4 5 3 5	3 3 2 8 5 6 0
B C	1 5	3 9 4 5 3 5	3 3 2 7 8 2 5	C D	1 5	3 9 3 6 4 5	3 3 2 7 8 2 5

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Item #7.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Joe Williams, Project Director
David Hoffman, Partner

ORGANIZATION Bell, Klein & Hoffman

DATE July 18, 1977

STREET & NUMBER 920-B Congress Avenue

TELEPHONE 476-3033

CITY OR TOWN Austin

STATE Texas

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ___ STATE ___ LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE Joell Fatime 8-23-77

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE 4/14/78

~~DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION~~ ~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

ATTEST: Catherine B. Cole

DATE 4-12-78

~~KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER~~

During these early years Beaumont became a thriving lumber center with the advent of primitive saw mills and steamers and keel boats for transport on the Neches River. By the mid-1850's the Galveston News reported "quite an activity in all kinds of business" prevailing in Beaumont, with a great deal of river traffic. The article further states, "The dwelling houses are handsome frame buildings, built of cypress or pine. There is a great deal of money in circulation among the people..."

This affluence was further enchanced when the Eastern Texas Railroad and the Texas and New Orleans Railroads came to Beaumont in 1857, briefly making the town a transportation center combining river transport with railroads.

The railroads, shipping, lumber and building industries virtually ceased, however, during the Civil War. A supply base was established in Beaumont for Confederate troops stationed along the Southeastern coastline. The Courthouse became a hospital for wartime casualties with rumors running rampant of a federal invasion of Beaumont after a small number of Confederates turned away two federal gunboats at Sabine Pass in 1862. On September 8, 1863, at the Battle of Sabine Pass, Dick Dowling and a company of men defeated federal gunboats in a 45 minute encounter.

Although the Reconstruction period caused a great deal of political bitterness (carpetbag rule ended in Jefferson County in 1867 when 200 Democrats settled an election disput with firearms), the lumber and transportation industries were prosperous again and "Providence Rice" was the new crop under cultivation. The period from 1871 through 1900 saw two building booms in Beaumont--the post-Civil War boom during the early 70's and the larger boom during the '90's caused by Beaumont's burgeoning industries. Seven railroads

serviced the area, the shipping and lumber industries continued to grow, and rice became the main local crop for export when the first large irrigation canal for the rice fields was created. All of this activity caused the population of Beaumont to rise from 1600 persons in 1880 to above 9000 persons in the late 1890's.

The third major growth period for Beaumont, from 1901 to the early 1930's, was by far the most rapid. It began with the event that made Beaumont famous, the Spindletop oil gusher. The Lucas Gusher blew in on January 10, 1901, the largest oil well discovered in the U. S. by that time, over 1,000,000 barrels a day. The population of Beaumont during the ensuing oil boom reached over 50,000. There were 77 different oil companies in Beaumont by the end of that year.

The boom-town affluence that followed was further stabilized and the city was assured financial security when deep oil was discovered at Spindletop in 1925 by the Yount-Lee Oil Co. This precipitated the building of a large number of civic and community-oriented buildings that dominate the architectural character of the city to this day.

The Beaumont Commercial District contains thirty buildings and/or group of buildings that represent the unique history of a stable nineteenth century community jolted into national prominence with the advent of the "petroleum age". The district contains good examples of nineteenth century facade rows typical of a successful industrial and agricultural town of the era. However, it also possesses highly stylistic civic and commercial structures from the first third of the twentieth century evidencing the introduction of new cultural influences as turn of the century Beaumont became the boom town of the twentieth century.

Photographs to illustrate classifications:

10: The Hotel Beaumont at right is a contributing building. The two-story building with the garage door openings at the far right is considered compatible because of its scale and pattern with the other two-story contributing buildings.

#11: The modified infill between the contributing three-story building on the corner and the contributing two-story facade row at the far left is considered an intrusion because it does not retain most of its original characteristics.

#12: The one-story building at the far right is an intrusion because of the lack of sensitivity in its modification.

#13: The two story building to the right of the contributing building on the corner is designated as a compatible building because in spite of its modification it retains scale, heighth and fenestration pattern.

#14: At the far left is a three-story contributing building. All of the other buildings pictured are considered to be compatible because of scale, proportion and fenestration.

Beaumont Commercial District

BLOCK 40 BEAUMONT ADDITION — BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS:	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS:	
160. 161, 162	970, 978, 980, 988 Pearl	Lamb Printing and Stationary P. O. Box 191 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(1)
163, 164, part 170	985 Orleans	See (1)	
Part 170	967 Orleans	Mr. D. F. Sanders Mr. Bill J. Sanders 967 Orleans Beaumont, Texas 77701	
Part 171	950, 952½, 154 Pearl	Mr. Milton Sharfstein P. O. Box 1662 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
Part 171	948 Pearl	Mr. Charles O. Benton 948 Pearl Beaumont, Texas 77701	
169	320 College	Mr. Carl Waldman 320 College Beaumont, Texas 77701	(2)
168	922½, 926, 932, 938 Pearl	See (2)	
165, 167	381 College	See (1)	
BLOCK 38 BEAUMONT ADDITION			
172	890 Pearl	James Langham P. O. Box 3901 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(3)
173	892 Pearl	See (3)	
174, 183	320 College	See (3)	
Part 182	861 Orleans	Rogers Brothers P. O. Box 1310 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(4)
Part 182	851, 861 Orleans	Mrs. Charles H. Naman 1210 Longfellow #102 Beaumont, Texas 77706	
177, 178	377 Wall	City of Beaumont Mr. Howard McDaniel, City Mgr. P. O. Box 3827 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(5)
176, 175	863 Orleans	See (4)	
179, 180, 181, 182	800 Pearl	Mr. R. E. Dumas Milner P. O. Box 84 Jackson, Mississippi	

BLOCK 39 BEAUMONT ADDITION BEAUMONT TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS:	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	
184, 185, 186, 187 188	775, 795 Orleans 796, 790, 786, 780, 776, Pearl	Fair Co. Realty Inc. P. O. Box 4047 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
191, 192, 193, 194	750 Pearl	Rogers Brothers P. O. Box 1310 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(4)
189, 190	705, 715, 725 Orleans	First Security Naional Bank of Beaumont Lock Drawer 3391 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(6)

BLOCK 40 BEAUMONT ADDITION

196, 197, 198	620 to 690 Pearl	Mr. Jackie Harmon P. O. Box 3300 Orange, Texas 77630	
199, 200	665, 675, 699 Orleans	See (4)	
207	600 to 612 Pearl 325 Fannin	See (4)	
201, 202, 206	625 Orleans	Mr. Ralph Miller Mr. Harvey Miller New Beaumont Retirement Hotel 625 Orleans Beaumont, Texas 77701	
203, 203	345 Fannin	Jefferson Theatre Preservation Society P. O. Box 3150 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 41 BEAUMONT ADDITION

211, 212	595, 597 Orleans	San Jacinto Bldg. P. O. Box 1310 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
208 to 210, 213 to 219, and part of 211, 212	505 Orleans	See (6)	

BLOCK 42 BEAUMONT ADDITION

220-221	486, 488, 498 Pearl 328, 330, 336, 338 Bowie	Mr. W. C. Gilbert 412 Mariposa Beaumont, Texas 77701	
223-224	455 Orleans	See (6)	
222	340, 350 Bowie	Perwell Realty P. O. Box 2612 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 42 BEAUMONT ADDITION (con't) BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS:	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	
225-231		T. N. and C Railroad Beaumont, Texas 77704	
230	445-447, 440 Orleans	Bos-Mass Realty Co. P. O. Box 1310 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 43 BEAUMONT ADDITION

232, 233	398 Pearl	Goodhue Associates Inc. P. O. Box 7007 Beaumont, Texas 77706	
238, 239, 240	304 Pearl	First Federal Savings and Loan P. O. Box 3648 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 16 BEAUMONT ADDITION

102, 103, 104	285 Liberty - still there	Gulf States Utilities P. O. Box 2951 Beaumont, Texas 77704 still 2-7-78 phone slip	(7)
107	341 Pearl → intact	See (7)	
100	375 Pearl	Geroge E. Wise 375 Pearl Beaumont, Texas 77701	(8)
98	238 Crockett - demolished	See (7)	
99	238, 240, 242 Crockett	F. W. Lombardo 240 Crockett Beaumont, Texas 77701	
101	373, 375 Pearl	See (8)	

BLOCK 14 BEAUMONT ADDITION

78	501 Pearl (Improvements only)	Dr. Julian Fertitta Jensam Corp. 2900 North #204 Beaumont, Texas 77702	
78	501 Pearl (land only)	City of Beaumont Mr. Howard McDaniel P. O. Box 3827 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(5)
80-82	239-241, 243-245, 247-249 Bowie	Central City Dev. Corp. P. O. Box 3132 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(12)
Part 83	551-555 Pearl	See (12)	

BLOCK 14 BEAUMONT ADDITION (con't) BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	
83, Part 82 79	547 Pearl	Gulf States Theatres Inc. 7701 N. Stemmons Freeway Dallas, Texas 75247	
Part 73	200 Fannin	Central City Dev. Corp. P. O. Box 3132 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(12)
74,	240 Fannin	See (12)	
75, 76, 77	591, 569, 573 Pearl	See (12)	
84	200 Fannin	See (12)	

BLOCK 13 BEAUMONT ADDITION

Part 63, 64, 65	695 Pearl	City of Beaumont Mr. Howard McDaniel P. O. Box 3827 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(5)
61, 62, Part 63	240 Forsythe	Mr. Emil Szafir Mr. Alex Szafir P. O. Box 1470 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
71, 72, Part 68, 70	650 Main	Beaumont Community Chest P. O. Box 1430 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 52 BEAUMONT ADDITION

Part 341-343	470, 490 Orleans	Beaumont Savings and Loan P. O. Box 1310 Beaumont, Texas 77704
Part 341-342, 350	450 Orleans	Fertitta Maceo Realty Co. P. O. Box 31 Beaumont, Texas 77704
343, 344, 349, 346 Part 745, 744	450 Bowie	Allied Union Bank P. O. Box 3548 Beaumont, Texas 77704
Part 744-745	443 Park	Mr. James D. Tinkle P. O. Box 1429 Beaumont, Texas 77704
347, 348	400, 439 Crockett	E. I. Greenberg, Est. P. O. box 1747 Beaumont, Texas 77704
Parts 350, 347, 348	400, 450 Orleans	Mrs. Sadie Jacobs or Mr. M. B. Waldman 2263 Long Beaumont, Texas 77701

BLOCK 52 BEAUMONT ADDITION (con't) BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS
Part 744	479, 483, 485, 498 Crockett	✓Mrs. Sarah Night 479 Crockett Beaumont, Texas

BLOCK 17 VAN WORMER ADDITION

7-12	490-498 Park	✓The Stedman Co. P. O. Box 2111 Beaumont, Texas 77704

BLOCK 28 VAN WORMER ADDITION

10-12	506 Crockett	✓Herbert H. Friedman 1625 East Dr. Beaumont, Texas 77706
7	596 Crockett	✓Mr. W. G. Hegele, Est. 2990 E. Lucus Dr. Beaumont, Texas 77703

BLOCK 26 VAN WORMER ADDITION

1-4, 9-12	782 Crockett	✓Oil City Brass P. O. Box 1790 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(9)

BLOCK 27 VAN WORMER ADDITION

1-12	600 Crockett	See (9)

BLOCK 18 VAN WORMER ADDITION

All of Block 18	Block bounded by: Crockett, Neches, McMillian Streets	Gulf Colorado-Santa Fe Ry. Co. ✓Mr. G. E. Schuder Tax Com Galveston, Texas	(10)
6-12	Imps, Only 540 Neches	Sabine Warehouse, Leasee ✓P. O. Box 2561 Beaumont, Texas 77704	

BLOCK 19 VAN WORMER ADDITION

All of Block 19	Block bounded by: Crockett, Jefferson and RR Track	Gulf and Interstate R. R. Co. ✓G. E. Schuder Tax Com Galveston, Texas

VAN WORMER ADDITION

The following property shown as A 52 on Beaumont Commercial Historic District but not assigned a Lot or Block Number by the City of Beaumont but identified on tax rolls as:

S. P. Bldgs, Depot, Etc.	✓S. P. R R Co. P. O. Box 219 Houston, Texas 77001

The following property shown as E-39 on Beaumont Commercial Historic District but not assigned a Lot or Block Number ty the City of Beaumont but identified on tax rolls as:

S P Transportation — S P Transportation, P. O. Box 1319, Houston, Texas 77001

PLAT E BEAUMONT TRACT	ADDRESS	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS	
8 and 40	200 Block Orleans	Kyle Investments P. O. Box 724 Beaumont, Texas 77704	(11)
1 and 38	296 Pearl	Pearl and Liberty Corp. 2160 Washington Blvd. Beaumont, Texas 77705	
39	278 Pearl	Mr. W. J. Hail Mr. Phil V. Hail 278 Pearl Beaumont, Texas 77701	
2	268 Pearl	Winnie M. Norman P. O. Box 3133 Beaumont, Texas 77701	
3	256 Pearl	Mr. C. W. Conn 256 Pearl Beaumont, Texas 77701	
7	216 Pearl	Chenier Business College P. O. Box 1943 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
37	200 Pearl	See (11)	
10		Howell Lumber Co. P. O. Box 828 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
9 42	228 Orleans 722, 740	First United Methodist Church P. O. Box 3247 Beaumont, Texas 77704	
13, 14, 15	300 Willow	U. S. Goverment Federal Bldg. U. S. Post Office	
Part 42 out of 9	730 Liberty	Mr. R. B. Girolamo 730 Liberty Beaumont, Texas 77701	

BLOCK 19 CALDER ADDITION BEAUMONT, TEXAS

LOT:	STREET ADDRESS:	OWNER AND MAILING ADDRESS:
12-13	336 Orleans	St. Marks Foundation 680 Calder Beaumont, Texas 77701
7-8	220 Willow	Mr. Raymond D. St. Peter 1270 Broadway Beaumont, Texas 77701
2-6, 9, 10, 11	635 Liberty	Shepherd Laundries Co. P. O. Box 3310 Beaumont, Texas 77704
1	308 Orleans	Mr. Woodrow Dyer 308 Orleans Beaumont, Texas 77701

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Property Beaumont Commercial District

State Tx. Working Number 8.31.77.1396

Jefferson

TECHNICAL

Photos 9/14

Maps 2

~~May include too much area~~ of area

CONTROL

pl

OK - 9.1.77

HISTORIAN

Need something like an inventory of intrusions ~~or~~ and those only generally contributing. Agree with -- no real statement of how commercial remnant here is specially significant or illustrative of a special Beaumont past. It's the summing resource that needs most to be explained & justified. Call - if necessary return

Sherfy 12-21-77

ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN

Photos of buildings submitted are good, but there are various 1930s buildings mentioned that need to be documented. More photos and justification of each buildings needed. Are gaps parking lots or what? Call

Brockman 12-15-77

ARCHEOLOGIST

ARCH. HISTORIAN

I agree - we need more documentation. I would raise serious questions about boundaries. Also I feel significance statement is weak: Bldgs. nominated (late 19th c and 1901 - 1930s) are not related very well to oil industry. Much more is said about civil war, timber, rice crop. Need call. See sheet with specific questions.

James Gilmore 12-19-77

OTHER

Have gather some new information/description. New map is more useful. complete. We have not gather all we ask. We may find their definition of "intrusion" too broad. But - they are on record now defending their choices. ~~Will~~ accept

Sherfy 2-9-78

Accept

HAER

NEW INFORMATION/MAP ARE MOST HELPFUL. AGREE WITH HISTORIAN THAT DEFINITION OF INTRUSION IS LIMITED - especially #13 in NEW info. Not totally SATISFIED but BELIEVE THIS IS ALL WE'LL GET.

JAMES H. GILMORE 2/14/78 ACCEPT

~~Inventory~~ _____

~~Review~~ _____

REVIEW UNIT CHIEF

nomination would have benefited from more photos - despite fairly high number of parking lots, the buildings are massive enough to convey the sense of late 19th c - early 20th century commercial downtown that is the essence of Beaumont. (Unfortunately, parking lots have come to reflect historical development) (~~Better handled as~~ Perhaps better handled as multiple resource).

Accept

Lebovich 3/28/78

BRANCH CHIEF

KEEPER

4/14/78

National Register Write-up _____ Send-back _____ Entered APR 14 1978

Federal Register Entry 6.6.78 Re-submit _____

INT:2


LAMB
HOTEL

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman , 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

View to northwest down Pearl from end of 900 block. A-43 is at far left.

Photo #1 of 14

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CHAS. HOFFER
CHAS. HOFFER
FATHER & SON
APPAREL
ONE WAY
LIBERTY
SHANGHAI
CONNECTION
&
HONEY BAY
TRIANGLE
LOANS

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

View to southeast from 500 block of Pearl. A-34 is at far left with A-35, A-36 and A-37 pictured in same block.

Photo #2 of 14

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LIBERTY
KUNG FU BROTHER
&
FISTFUL OF HELL
555
PARKWAY
LOANS
TRIANGLE
LOAN COMPANY
LOANS
LOANS
1883
H.A. PERLS BLK.

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

View to northwest 500 block of Pearl.
A-35 and A-36 are at far right with A-34
at other end of block. High-rise structu
ture at far left is A-29.

Photo #3 g/14

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Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

200 block of Crockett, A-64, as viewed from Pearl.

Photo #4 8/14

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OTHO PLUMMER
JOE B. REDMAN
THE EXECUTIVE
THE EXECUTIVE
OWNER
MANAGER
Steaks
OYSTER BAR
Sandwiches

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

200 block of Bowie, A-2

Photo #5 of 14

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Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

300 block of Willow, A-51, as viewed from Liberty.

Photo #6 of 14

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Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

200 block of Orleans, A-50, as viewed from Liberty.

Photo #7 of 14

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Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

695 Pearl, A-39, as viewed from the west.

Photo #8 g 14

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Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Jefferson County, Texas

David Hoffman, 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Austin, Texas

View to southwest down 600 block of Crockett from Neches. A-67 at far left and A-69 at far right.

Photo #9 g14

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#1

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Texas. Jefferson County

David Hoffman 1977
Bell Klein & Hoffman, Architects

Looking NW in 600 block of Orleans. The Hotel Beaumont A-44 can be seen in background

#10 of 14

#2

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Texas. Jefferson County

David Hoffman 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Architects

Looking SE at the intersection of Pearl and Bowie Streets. A-34 is the corner contributing building.

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#3

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Texas Jefferson County

David Hoffman 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Architects

Looking NW toward 300 block of Orleans.
A-49 is the corner contributing building

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#4

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Texas. Jefferson County

David Hoffman 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Architects

Looking east toward the 400 block of Orleans.
The corner building is the New Rosemont Hotel,
A-48

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

#5

Beaumont Commercial District
Beaumont, Texas. Jefferson County

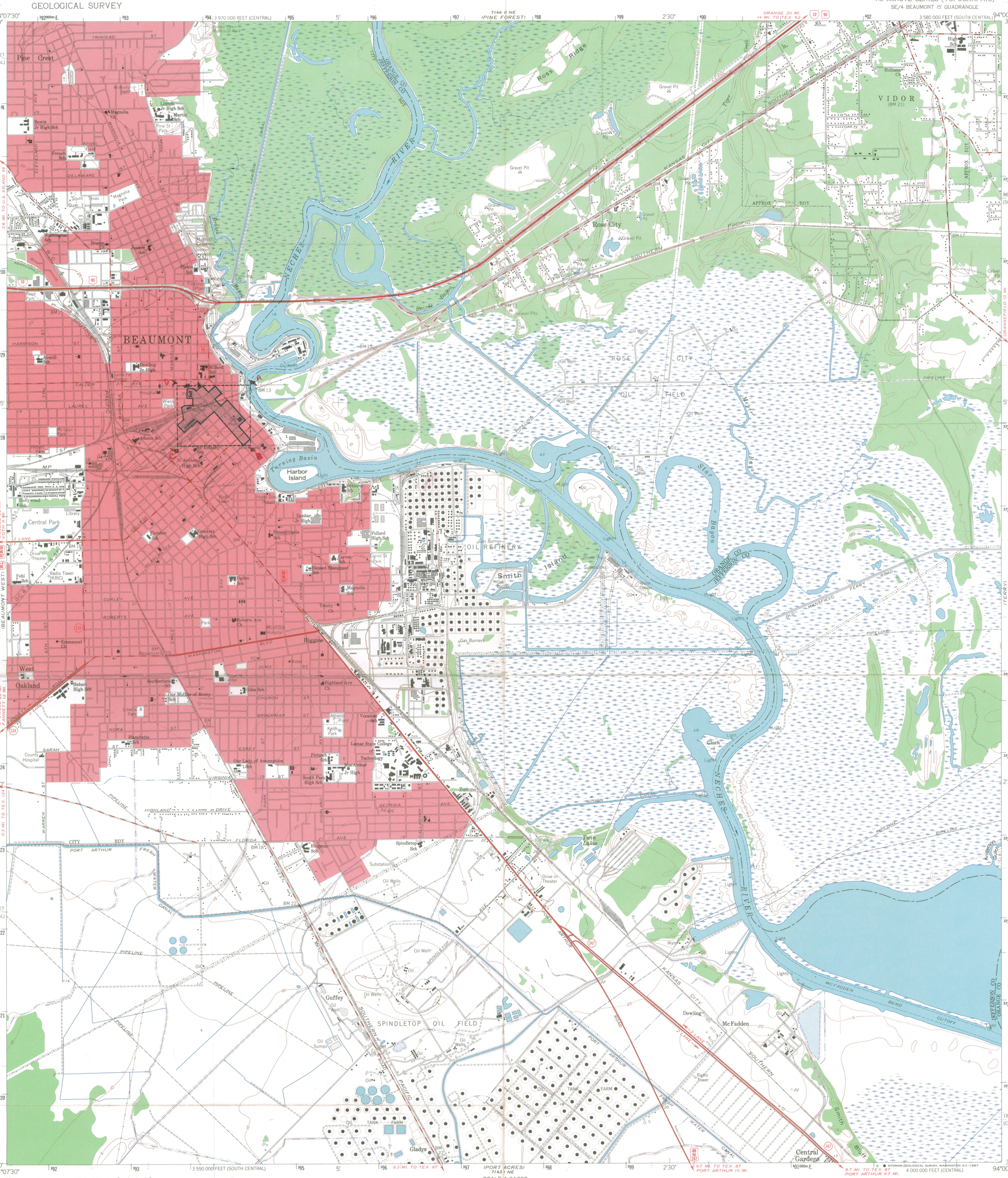
David Hoffman 1977
Bell, Klein & Hoffman, Architects

Looking south toward 900 block of Pearl.
The three-story building in the background
is the Heisig Building, A-43.

 #14 #14

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

BEAUMONT EAST QUADRANGLE
TEXAS
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 BEAUMONT 15' QUADRANGLE



BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
BEAUMONT, JEFFERSON COUNTY, TEXAS
UTM REFERENCES:
D A. 15/394535/3328560 A B. 15/394535/3328560
B C. 15/394535/3327825 C D. 15/394535/3327825

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Planimetry by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1942. Topography from U.S. Corps of Engineers 1943 map Revised from aerial photographs taken 1959. Field checked 1960

Selected hydrographic data compiled from USC&GS chart 533 (1961). This information is not intended for navigational purposes.

Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Texas coordinate system, south central and central zones
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 15, shown in blue

Red tint indicates areas in which only landmark buildings are shown

MAR 3 1983

UTM GRID AND 1960 MAGNETIC NORTH DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET

SCALE 1:24 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
SOUNDINGS IN FEET DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
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A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

ROAD CLASSIFICATION
Heavy-duty — Light-duty
Medium-duty — Unimproved dirt
Interstate Route — U.S. Route — State Route

TEXAS
QUADRANGLE LOCATION

APR 14 1978

BEAUMONT EAST, TEX.
SE/4 BEAUMONT 15' QUADRANGLE
N3000—W9400/7.5
1960
AMS 7144 II SE—SERIES V882

3094-111


BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT
District Boundary
Contributing to the district
Compatible with the district
Intrusion to the district
1" = 200'
N
BROADWAY
WILLOW
ORLEANS
LIBERTY
MAIN
CROCKETT
LAUREL
BOWIE
FANNIN
FORSYTHE
PEARL
WALL
COLLEGE
NECHES
GILBERT
BRAZOS BAYOU
CITY LIMITS
FULLER & KEITH
W. A. FLETCHER
NORTH PEARL
MULBERRY
TRAVIS
CYPRESS
ABANDONED (12/28/71)
ORDINANCE NO. 71-72
CLOSED (6-17-69)
ORD. NO. 69-39
OLD HIGH SCHOOL
SAINT ANTHONY CHURCH
ARCHIE
HOLMES
JEFFERSON
PARK
RECEIVED
AUG 31 1977
NATIONAL REGISTER
APR 14 1978

Disregard


BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL HISTORIC DISTRICT
District Boundary
Contributing to the district
Compatible with the district
Intrusion to the district
1" = 200'
N
BROADWAY
FULLER & KEITH
McFADDIN AVE
WILLOW
NORTH PEARL ST
NORTH MAIN ST
MULBERRY
TRAVIS
CYPRESS
BRAZOS
BAYOU
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NECHES RIVER
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PARKING
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FUTURE HOTEL
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ABANDONED — (12/28/71) ORDINANCE NO. 71-72
CLOSED (6-17-69) ORD. NO. 69-39

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20240

IN REPLY REFER TO:
H34-880

NOV 9 1977

BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL DIST.

Dear Property Owner:

As you have probably already been informed by State or local representatives, the property you own is included in a district that has been nominated by the State for listing in the National Register which is that list of evidences of the past deemed worthy of keeping for the future by the Secretary of the Interior. This nomination is pending in our office.

Since you may not have been aware of potential benefits and provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976 when the district including your property was originally considered by the State for nomination, we are sending informative material at this time. If you wish to make comments about your property or the district relative to the National Register "Criteria for Evaluation" (see enclosed green leaflet), we will be pleased to consider them as an adjunct to our evaluation of placing your property in the National Register. Comments should be made within 30 days of the date of this letter and should be addressed to Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Information concerning standards for rehabilitation may be obtained from Technical Preservation Services, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation, National Park Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Questions concerning the National Register program or the implementation of the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act should also be addressed to the Keeper of the National Register. Inquiries must include the name of the district (see address label) and property address to be properly handled.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register

Enclosures

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE $300

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RETURN TO WRITER

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INT-417

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AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

GALVESTON, TEXAS 77550

Gulf and Interstate R.R. Co.
E. E. Schuder
Tax Com
Galveston, TX

RE: BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE $300

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BEAUMONT, TX
PM
14 NOV
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UNKNOWN
RETURN TO SENDER
FROM
BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77704

Dr. Julian Fertitta
Jensam Corp.
2900 North #204
Beaumont, Texas 77702

Re: Beaumont Commercial District
(501 Pearl; Improvements only)

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20240

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE, $300

UNDELIVERABLE AS ADDRESSED
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RETURN TO SENDER
FROM
BEAUMONT, TX 7770

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U.S.MAIL

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Mr. Raymond D. St. Peter
1270 Broadway
Beaumont, TX 77701

RE: BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
(220 Willow)

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NP
sent
12-5-77

Mr. R. B. Girolamo
730 Liberty
Beaumont, Texas 77701

November 23, 1977

U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

ATTN: Keeper of the Register

Re: Beaumont Commercial District
(730 Liberty)

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of November 9, 1977, which indicated your interest in placing the above captioned property on the National Register for historic preservation, and for which I thank you.

Please be advised that I am not interested in having said property placed on the Register. Therefore, please delete my property from nomination to the Register.

The above is for your information.

Very truly yours,

R. B. Girolamo

R B Girolamo

KYLE INVESTMENTS
Kyle Building
832-8921

P. O. BOX 724 BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77704

YP Seal 12-6-77

November 23, 1977

Dr. William J. Murtagh, Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: BEAUMONT COMMERCIAL DISTRICT
(200 Block Orleans)

Dear Dr. Murtagh,

Thank you for your letter of November 9, 1977, regarding the Kyle Building which has been discussed by different groups as a possible landmark of this area and to be preserved to continue this identity.

We are in the middle of an estate and are considering a number of alternatives as concerns this property. We will continue to make this evaluation, and we appreciate your keeping us advised of the status. We would definitely like for you to keep this offer open.

Sincerely yours,

Brudge E. Kyle

BEK/ap

Fed Reg 9-13-77

rec'd 8-31-77

THE NATIONAL REG. OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D 11-30-77

DATE SENT TO

INITIALS

Geo Wilson's
INC.
375 PEARL
BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77701

~~NP~~ ?
NP ?
sent 12-5-77

November 28, 1977

RE: H34-880

Dr. William J. Murtagh
Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

Dear Dr. Murtagh:

I appreciate the opportunity offered in your letter of November 9, 1977, to comment on the nomination of my property in the Beaumont Commercial District for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

I can only state that I do not feel that this property has any historical value whatsoever nor does it, in my opinion, possess "integrity of location design, etc.", listed as "Criteria for Evalution."

Four or five years ago, the downtown Beaumont Commercial District suffered from as bad a case of "urban blight" as any area in the Nation. A group of concerned citizens formed a very active unit that has been instrumental in effecting a revitalization program. There has been much new construction and much more is in progress. Beaumonters are again beginning to take pride in their central business district.

But to achieve this, the old buildings (that had no particular merit when they were built, and are little more than eyesores now) first had to be razed. I think it would certainly be a disservice to the community if any steps were taken to discourage the the demolation of old buildings such as mine to make way for new construction should the opportunity occur in the future.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views.

Sincerely,

George E Wise

George E. Wise

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LAMB'S

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File w/nom
Beaumont Comm Dist.
rcvd. 8.31.77

November 30, 1977

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

Attn: Dr. William J. Murtagh
Ref: H34-880

Gentlemen:

With reference to the above it is the intention of my Company to demolish the building in question. We own approximately two-thirds of a block, and we consider the space occupied by this building to be a key parking area for the long range use of our property.

In addition it is the opinion of more than one contractor that the cost to bring this building to acceptable standards for occupancy would be unreasonable. If the building were improved, there would be no parking available in the immediate area that would make the building attractive to prospective tenants.

I would appreciate your noting our intentions to demolish this building and request that you not consider it for acceptance in The National Register.

Yours very truly,

Tom Lamb

Tom Lamb

TL/hb

LAMB PRINTING & STATIONERY CO. INC.
P.O. BOX 191, BEAUMONT, TX. 77704 (713) 838-3703

Rec'd 12-6-77 Jt TRANSP

New Beaumont
Retirement HOTEL

625 Orleans Street — Beaumont, Texas 77701
(713) 835-4503

December 1, 1977

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Attention: William J. Murtagh,
Keeper of the National Register
Re: H34-880

Dear Sir:

We are delighted to learn that our New Beaumont Retirement Hotel has been nominated for listing in the National Register.

We are pleased our building was deemed worthy of keeping by the Secretary of the Interior.

We would appreciate receiving much more detailed information regarding the standards for rehabilitation.

Sincerely yours,

Harvey Miller

Harvey Miller, Owner

Ralph K. Miller

Ralph Miller, Owner

By Marie Nesom
Mgr.

MN:jm
cc Technical Preservation
Services, National Park
Service, Dept.of the Interior
Washington, D. C. 20240

8-31-77

WASO-166
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 12-19-77

TIME OF CALL AM PM

1. CALL ☑ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Maine Landa

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

512-475-3094

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont Commercial District

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Maine - significance - he has all there is

David Hoffman
512-416-3033

The related industrial - complex

RR -

RR
Doesn't date to that period
probably a later building

Compatibl / intrusions -

She will ask Hoffman for continuation sheets telling:

12-20-77

1. explanation of open space
2. if possible bldg by bldg inventory - and/or generic descriptions of compatible and intrusive
3. brief description of what lies outside area.
4. dates of historic bldgs - not now dated

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL | TITLE | OFFICE

Marie finds #8 adequate. Doesn't think there is a lot more to tell.

- Marie says this <u>was</u> Bennett's downtown - with commercial buildings in center and industrial on the <u>fringes</u>.

called & sent info - see phone log 2-8-78 - sent cc to SHPO

GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

POST OFFICE BOX 2951 • BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77704

AREA CODE 713 838-6631

January 16, 1978

United States Department
of the Interior
National Park Service
Washington, D. C. 20240

Attention: Mr. William T. Murtagh

Gentlemen:

GULF STATES UTILITIES
PROPERTY TO BE INCLUDED
IN NATIONAL REGISTER
COMMERCIAL HISTORICAL
DISTRICT - #34-880

Thank you for your letter advising us that the two parcels of property we own have been nominated for inclusion in the proposed National Register Commercial Historical District (Beaumont Commercial District).

These properties were purchased for future expansion of our adjoining existing facilities. One of these structures was structurally unsound and was demolished in June, 1977. This demolition was accomplished prior to our being advised of its nomination to the National Register. On the other structure we own, the facade has so deteriorated with age that its preservation would be impracticable in any orderly development of the remaining structure.

Our exact plans for these properties, or the remaining improvements, have not been determined. In order for us to properly plan the ultimate development of these properties, we respectively request that you keep us advised as to the status of this nomination and any obligations or alternatives we may have.

Yours truly,

J. E. Bondurant

J. E. Bondurant
Vice President

CHM:JRC:ms

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D JAN 25 1978

_____ INDIV DUAL LISTING (ATTACHED)

_____ INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

_____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

WASO-168
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE: 2-7-78

TIME OF CALL: 10:34 AM PM

1. CALL [X] TO: [ ] FROM (Name)

Mr. JE Bordurant
Jim Cornelius

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

713 838 6631

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont Commercial District

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

out of office - today - will return call.

Jim Cornelius returned call at 3:55

certification info - send.

+ TRA →

+ SHPO list

→ explained TRA incentives & disincentives - He was very interested & appreciated info

Cornelius reported that ~~[illegible]~~

238 Crockett Street - demolished →

285 Liberty standing but deteriorated

341 Pearl - intact & sound

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL	TITLE	OFFICE
Hardy		

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

February 1, 1978

Ms. Marcella Sherfy
National Register of
Historic Places
Department of the Interior
1100 L Street, NW
Room 5415
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Marcella:

Enclosed is the additional information you requested on the Beaumont Commercial District:

1. explanation of the criteria used to evaluate whether buildings are contributing, compatible or intrusions.

2. photographs to illustrate that differentiation.

3. discussion of the open spaces.

Also included is a new map which indicates the photograph locations for #10 - #14. We have revised this sketch map, so please dispose of the old map.

I hope this answers your questions. If you need more material, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marie

Marie D. Landon
Coordinator,
National Register Nominations

Enclosures

MDL:gp

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D FEB 6 1978

DATE ACTION TAKEN

INITIALS

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 3-10-78

TIME OF CALL AM PM

LL ☐ TO: ☑ FROM (Name) Marie London

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

BJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont

TAILS OF DISCUSSION

Marie asked about progress of Beaumont -

I. asked again about open spaces. She said she was sure those were ~~to~~ parking or anticipated for parking use.

I also told her - while we might accept -- that we had general concern yet about

① quality of #8

* ② definition of intrusion - as being too broad (we might certify buildings they would not)

Marie said that no one on state staff had seen district that he experience since - indicated that it would pay for state evaluations to be consistent. She suggested

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that we might want to call/return to Joe Williams — stating our concern and asking for staff verification of "intrusion" and contributing.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 3-14-78

TIME OF CALL AM PM

LL [✓] TO: [✓] FROM (Name)

Marie London

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

BJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont

TAILS OF DISCUSSION

- She has already talked with Joe Williams
- Community really wants it classified and listed -
- a set of buildings already torn down

So - a person is already on the way to Beaumont.

She will

- check boundaries - concentration of contributing buildings
- Their definition of intrusion / compatible -
- Possibly some ~~so~~ history on 20th century Beaumont.

OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL

Sheryl

TITLE

OFFICE

WASO-166
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE: 3-21-78

TIME OF CALL: AM / PM

1. CALL ☑ TO: ☑ FROM (Name): Maine London

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed): 475-3092
512-475-3094

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.: Beaumont

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

Maine called to ask if there was anything else they should consider. - Danny had been to Beaumont - they will be revising boundaries some - but generally agree with categories.

Recommended ~~Tell him~~ privately ~~about media~~ that they take a closer look at railroad corridor. Tracks occasionally give us trouble - there is a lot of open space in that area.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL: Sherry

TITLE:

OFFICE:

WASO-166
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 3-22-78

TIME OF CALL AM PM

1. CALL ☐ TO: ☑ FROM (Name)

Marie London

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

- Maps are on their way -
- Reminding us to expedite:

½ half important block already torn down by owner who heard area being nominated

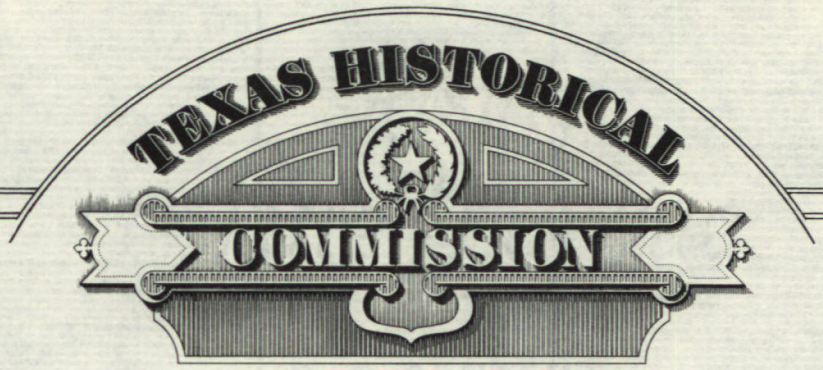
Conference April 18 - where State wants to announce listing & sell people on Tax act Impl.

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL: Sherry

TITLE:

OFFICE:

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

March 23, 1978

Ms. Marcella Sherfy
National Register of Historic Places
Department of the Interior
1100 L Street, NW, Room 5415
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Marcella:

After investigating the Beaumont Commercial District last week, we agree with David Hoffman's analysis of categories in most cases. The changes we suggested were actually more broad, changing some intrusions to compatible and some compatible to contributing.

The map was altered to indicate those changes, as well as the boundary change you recommended. At the western edge of the district the boundary line to the southeast of building A-67 was moved immediately adjacent to the building in order to exclude the railroad tracks. Proceeding west, this boundary was again narrowed to include only the two contributing buildings numbered A-69 and not the entire half block of 26 as was originally marked.

Open spaces have been indicated. At present all of these are either parking or vacant lots, but a few areas, such as the trapezoidal space between Laurel and Crockett, are being considered for green spaces.

As you will notice, the entire half block of 14 has been razed since we sent you the last map--an unfortunate reaction to the district nomination. In an attempt to inform the property owners of the economic benefits of revitalization, the Beaumont Heritage Society is sponsoring a seminar on April 18, focusing on Beaumont's historic commercial area. The Texas Historical Commission will be participating, explaining the advantages of our grant program and the Tax Reform Act. If at all possible, we would like to be able to announce that the nomination has been accepted by that time.

If there are any other questions that might cause a delay, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Marie

Marie D. Landon
Coordinator, National Register Nominations

MDL:ml
Enclosure

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

WASO-166
(August 1971)

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

TELEPHONE REPORT

DATE 4-13-78

TIME OF CALL AM PM

1. CALL ☐ TO: ☐ FROM (Name)

Marc Landa

2. ADDRESS (Tel. No. if needed)

3. SUBJECT, PROJECT NO., ETC.

Beaumont

4. DETAILS OF DISCUSSION

She & Joe want to ~~to~~ track its progress

Joe will be attending a preservation conference in Beaumont starting April 18 - Tues

She wants to announce it then — or have congressmen send telegram

Conference is called:

Preservation Practicalities

sponsored by Beaumont Heritage Society

NAME OF PERSON PLACING/RECEIVING CALL: Shafer

TITLE:

OFFICE:

ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE TEXAS

Date Entered APR 14 1978

Name	Location
Beaumont Commercial District	Beaumont Jefferson County

Also Notified

Hon. John G. Tower

Hon. Lloyd M. Bentsen
Hon. Jack Brooks

NR Mott 4/19/78

State Historic Preservation Officer
Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P. O. Box 12276, Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPERTY Stedman Fruit Co. Building 490 Park Beaumont

HISTORIC DISTRICT Beaumont Commercial Historic District

STATUTE

STATE Texas

COUNTY Jefferson

NAME OF OWNER Ed Stedman, Jr.

ADDRESS OF OWNER P.O. Box 2111
Beaumont, Texas 77704

DATE CERTIFIED AS: NOV 29 1979

☒ CONTRIBUTING ☐ NON-CONTRIBUTING

REMARKS:

DATE OF REQUEST 10/29/79

SHPO OPINION:

☒ CONTRIBUTING

☐ NON-CONTRIBUTING

☐ NO COMMENT

REHABILITATION CERTIFICATION

USDI -NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER TAX REFORM ACT CERTIFICATION

WASO-155
(9/77)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROPERTY: The Gilbert Building 330 Bowie St. Beaumont

DATE OF REQUEST: 12/28/79

HISTORIC DISTRICT

STATUTE: Downtown Beaumont Historic District 1978

STATE: Texas

COUNTY: Jefferson

NAME OF OWNER: M. W.C. Gilbert, Managing Partner

ADDRESS OF OWNER: 412 Mariposa
Beaumont, TX 77701

DATE CERTIFIED AS: JAN 31 1980

[X] CONTRIBUTING [ ] NON-CONTRIBUTING

SHPO OPINION:

[ ] CONTRIBUTING

[ ] NON-CONTRIBUTING

[ ] NO COMMENT

REHABILITATION CERTIFICATION

REMARKS:

HELD FOR SHPO SIGN. 12/31/79

USDI -NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER TAX REFORM ACT CERTIFICATION

WASO-155
(9/77)

B. Grosvenor
12/2/80

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DEC 4 1980

Mr. Truett Latimer
Executive Director
Texas Historical Commission
P.O. Box 12276
Capitol Station
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Mr. Latimer:

It has come to our attention that the Beaumont Commercial District in Beaumont may have undergone considerable change since its listing in the National Register on April 14, 1978. We have recently reviewed documentation on 501 Pearl Street (Temperance Building) for certification of significance under the historic preservation provisions of the Tax Reform Act of 1976. Documentation submitted with the application and testimony during the appeal concerning the city's revitalization efforts indicates that many historic buildings have been lost and that the district as defined by the 1978 boundaries may no longer convey a sense of cohesiveness. The district may be so altered that all or part of it has lost the distinctive qualities that reflect its historic significance. Would you please consider the matter and advise us of your opinion about the district's current eligibility for the National Register and the appropriateness of the present boundaries?

We appreciate your support in maintaining a high standard of integrity for National Register properties.

Sincerely,

Carol D. Shull (Sgd.)

for
Jerry L. Rogers
Acting Keeper of the National
Register

bcc: NR
FHR:B Grosvenor:lw:343-6401:12-2-80

BASIC FILE RETAINED IN NR

Beaumont Heritage Society
2985 French Road Beaumont, Texas 77706
713 - 898-0348

January 12, 1981

Congressman Jack Brooks
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brooks:

I write to request your aid in changing the boundary lines of the Beaumont Downtown Commercial Historic District. I enclose a map of the District as it is today; the proposed change is outlined in red.

The three buildings in the middle of the block facing Bowie Street were demolished in 1978. The Temperance Building at the corner of Bowie and Pearl will soon be demolished. Construction of a new hotel on the other end of this block will begin this spring.

In March 1980 the Board of Trustees of the Beaumont Heritage Society wrote to the City stating it would not oppose the demolition of the Temperance Building but urging the City to take the proper steps to get the building decertified since it was identified as a compatible building in the District. The Department of Interior refused decertification. We were very distressed at this ruling and felt it was detrimental to the economic redevelopment of downtown Beaumont. As you know, the Heritage Society is very interested in preserving and reusing the old buildings and we work toward this goal daily. We also work closely with the City in a very positive way and when both the local Heritage Society and the City, after careful study, do not oppose the demolition of a building, we would hope the state and federal governments concur.

Since the Department of Interior refuses decertification of the Temperance Building, Truett Latimer, Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission, suggested that we contact you for assistance. Changing the District boundaries would remove the cloud over this property--the tax penalties that would accrue to any future owners.

We would appreciate your thoughts on this matter.

Sincerely,

Yvonne L. Craig

Yvonne L. Craig
Executive Director

Enc.
YLC:S

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Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
United States
Department of the Interior

Congressional Contact Report

Received	
Date 2/12/81	Time
Name Grosvenor	
Referred to	Time & Date

Congressional Office of	Name Jack Brooks	State TX	☐ Senator ☑ Congressperson

Name Contact Ginger	Office Division	☑ They called ☐ We called

Nature of request She would like a written response to the Congressman about the Beaumont Heritage Soc. request. But she doesn't want to officially route the letter here because of the late date.

Action required or taken She will have a copy of the letter hand delivered to me. We will respond in writing.

Referred to

Additional comments

FHR–8–285
Oct. 79

Advisory Council On Historic Preservation

1522 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Reply to:

Lake Plaza South, Suite 616
44 Union Boulevard
Lakewood, CO 80228

February 23, 1981

Jefferson Co.

Mr. Ray A. Riley
City Manager
City of Beaumont
P.O. Box 3827
Beaumont, Texas 77704

COPY

Dear Mr. Riley:

We have received your letter February 5, 1981, in which you determined that the proposed hotel and parking garage complex, an undertaking assisted by a Department of Housing and Urban Development Urban Development Action Grant, would have no adverse effect on the Beaumont Commercial Historic District, a property included in the National Register of Historic Places. The Executive Director objects to your determination because the subject of the proposed undertaking's potential to affect significant archeological evidence has not been evaluated. We note that the undertaking will impact a portion of the City's original townsite.

Pursuant to Section 800.6(a)(2) of the Council's regulations (36 CFR Part 800), the Executive Director will withdraw this objection if the following conditions are met:

Prior to initiating any ground disturbing activities in the project area, the City of Beaumont (City) will accomplish the following:

1. The City will identify any significant subsurface cultural properties in the project area.

    a. A literature search will be completed, which assesses the potential of finding significant properties and identifies the type and location of such properties.

b. An archeological testing program will be developed and implemented in accordance with 36 CFR Part 66 and the Council's "Recommendations for Archeological Data Recovery" (see attached); based on the conclusions of the completed literature search and developed in consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

2. If properties are found, the City and the Texas SHPO will evaluate their eligibility for inclusion in the National Register and forward appropriate documentation to the Secretary of the Interior, in accordance with 36 CFR Part 1204 if the property appears to be eligible or a question exists as to its eligibility.

3. If any properties are determined to be eligible for the National Register, then the City will undertake a data recovery program developed and implemented in accordance with 36 CFR Part 66, the Council's "Recommendations for Archeological Data Recovery" and in consultation with the Texas SHPO.

4. The City will provide copies of all reports generated as a result of the literature search, the archeological testing program and the data recovery program to the Texas SHPO for his review and approval. Final reports will be provided to the Texas SHPO, the Beaumont Heritage Society, and the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), and the Secretary of the Interior.

5. If the City and the Texas SHPO cannot agree upon any phase of the testing or data recovery programs, then the City will seek the comments of the Council in accordance with the provision of 36 CFR Section 800.6. Until the Council has provided its comments to the City, the City will not take or sanction any action or make any commitment that could result in an adverse effect on a National Register eligible property or that would foreclose the consideration of modifications or alternatives to the proposed undertaking that could avoid, mitigate, or minimize such adverse effect.

If you agree to these conditions, please sign on the concurrence line below and return this letter to us. These will then be incorporated into your determination and the Executive Director will withdraw his objection to your determination of no adverse effect.

In accordance with Section 800.9 of the Council's regulations, a copy of your determination of no adverse effect, along with supporting documentation and this concurrence, should be included in any assessment or statement prepared for this undertaking in compliance with the National

Environmental Policy Act and should be included in the City's records as evidence of compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Council's regulations.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Louis S. Wall
Chief, Western Division
of Project Review

Enclosure

I concur:

_____
(date)

B. Grossman 2/20/81
Shull 2-20
Pgt 2/20
Wolgh for Fraser 2/26

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MAR - 2 1981

Honorable Jack Brooks
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of the Beaumont Heritage Society concerning the Beaumont Commercial District and the Temperance Building in Jefferson County, Texas.

As you know, the National Register Division of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service determined that the Temperance Building contributes to the historic significance of the Beaumont Commercial District on August 26, 1980. The owners appealed this decision, but the Associate Director for Cultural Programs sustained the National Register's decision on November 14, 1980. However, documentation studied during the appeal process revealed that the character of the historic district may have changed since it was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on April 14, 1978. The National Register requested Mr. Truett Latimer, the State Historic Preservation Officer for Texas, to look into the matter and make a recommendation about the district's current eligibility for the National Register and the appropriateness of the present boundaries. The National Register has not yet received Mr. Latimer's recommendation.

The same criteria, procedures, and forms are used in requests for boundary changes as for new nominations. Therefore, the request for a boundary change must come directly from the State Historic Preservation Officer. Therefore, we suggest that the Beaumont Heritage Society provide Mr. Latimer with any information which may justify a change in the boundaries of the present district. The address is Mr. Truett Latimer, Executive Director, Texas State Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Unfortunately, the National Register cannot take action at this time on requests for boundary revisions or on nominations involving privately owned properties. The Department of the Interior, through the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service is currently revising the regulations governing the National Register program to reflect the National Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980 (Public Law 96-515). The Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service has requested that State Historic Preservation Officers not submit nominations, boundary revisions, and similar applications to the National Register until new regulations are published in the "Federal Register."

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know. We appreciate your interest in the historic preservation programs of the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert A. Ritsch
Acting Director

cc: Ms. Yvonne L. Craig
Executive Director
Beaumont Heritage Society
2985 French Road
Beaumont, Texas 77706

Mr. Truett Latimer, SHPO, Austin, Texas 78711) w/c of inc.

bcc: SCRO
Director's Reading File
Acting Associate Director for Cultural Programs-Rogers
FHR-CL
FHR-Mace
NR-Reading File)
NR-Grosvenor)

FHR:B Grosvenor:mc:2/20/81:343-6401

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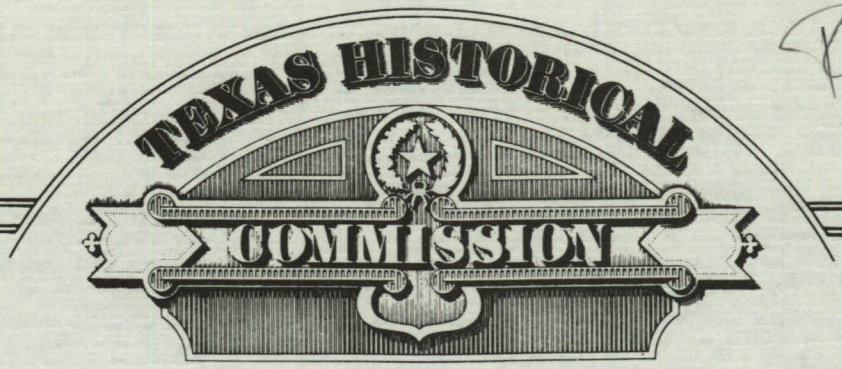
TEXAS - Jefferson County - Temperance Building

Beth

Rogers



TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

March 11, 1981

Dear Mr. Ritsch:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter to Congressman Brooks regarding the Beaumont Commercial Historic District.

We are also very concerned that districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places remain eligible for that status and that their boundaries are correct long after the initial nomination. Beaumont presents special problems; there has probably been more demolition in that area than in any other Texas National Register historic district. This is certainly the first time we have been asked to reduce district boundaries because the district's character has been seriously changed by extensive demolition.

The National Register staff has been instructed to study the matter of changing the Beaumont boundaries. This case does require an on-site visit. The next time a staff member travels in the Beaumont area he or she will re-examine the district. However, present commitments and a three-person employee shortage hamper a rapid conclusion to the question.

I will keep all interested parties informed of our progress in re-evaluating the Beaumont Commercial Historic District.

Sincerely,

Truett Latimer

Truett Latimer

Mr. Robert A. Ritsch
Acting Director,
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C. 20240

cc: Honorable Jack Brooks
House of Representatives

Yvonne L. Craig
Beaumont Heritage Society

The State Agency for Historic Preservation

TRUETT LATIMER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

TEXAS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

P. O. BOX 12276
AUSTIN TEXAS 78711

June 12, 1981

Mr. Jerry L. Rogers
Acting Keeper of the National Register
National Park Service
Pension Building
440 G Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20243

Re: Beaumont Commercial District

Dear Jerry:

Members of the Texas Historical Commission National Register staff recently visited Beaumont to reevaluate the commercial district and the continued appropriateness of the boundaries that were initially designated. Since the time of submittal of that National Register nomination, some structures of that district have been modified and some contributing members have even been demolished. A good bit of change has taken place along the periphery of the district, on either side of the boundary, and these changes were of course photographed.

The City is obviously experiencing a period of rapid growth and the downtown is a prime area for redevelopment. More changes in the downtown can be expected in the near future. As a result, the City has wisely contracted, just recently, for a Master Plan to guide redevelopment of the central city. We feel that we can best serve the cause of preservation of not only the commercial district, but the other significant structures of the central city as well, by participating in the development of this Master Plan. Accordingly, we have offered our services to Mayor Maurice Meyers. As the goals and objectives of this Master Plan become more focused we will then work with the City and the Beaumont Heritage Society not only to reevaluate and revise the boundaries of the commercial district but the status of the other significant structures of the area to be impacted as well.

Sincerely,

Joe Fjermann
for:

Truett Latimer
State Historic Preservation Officer

TL:sb
cc: The Honorable Jack Brooks
Yvonne L. Craig, Beaumont Heritage Society

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

DATE REC'D JUN 22 1981

_____ INDIVIDUAL RESPONSE (ATTACHED)

_____ INFORMATIVE MATERIAL SENT

_____ TELEPHONE CALL (ATTACHED)

DATE ACTION TAKEN _____

INITIALS _____

Beaumont Commercial District

Boundaries:

1. NOTHING ABOUT TRAIN STATION (SOUTHERN PACIFIC) (A-52). LITTLE IS SAID ABOUT entire TRAIN STATION area.

2. What is wedge-shaped area BOUNDED BY Laurel, Willow, Orkans, Crockett?

3. What is gap on PEARL STREET? Boundaries further reduced?

4. PHOTO #1 ~~[illegible]~~ ALL INTELLIGENT! WHAT IS OUTSIDE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES?

PHOTO:

Generally unclear. Isn't #8 in WRONG DIRECTION? NEED FW PHOTOS. [OVER]

SEEMS to be SOMEONE LOBBYING AGAINST DISTRICT DESIGNATION - NOTE LETTERS.

Significance

Why are the surviving resources significa as illustrative of some important part of Beaumont history?

What are the primary / significant visual qualities?

Identify intrusions, non-contributing houses?

Dope - are there really buildings

NATIONAL REGISTER DATA SHEET

(1) NAME as it appears on federal register: Beaumont Commercial District

(2) OTHER NAMES:

(3) date of entry: APR 14 1978

(4) county code:

(5) LOCATION street & number: reverse side | city / town: Beaumont | vicinity of | state: TX | county: Jefferson

(6) NPS REGION: Southwest

(7) OWNER ☐ PRIVATE ☐ STATE ☐ MUNICIPAL ☐ COUNTY ☒ MULTIPLE ☐ FEDERAL (agency name)

(8) ADMINISTRATOR:

(9) EXISTING SURVEYS ☐ HABS ☐ HAER ☐ NHL

(10) FUNDED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

(11) CONGRESS. DISTRICT

(12) SOURCE of NOMINATION ☒ STATE ☐ FEDERAL if state who prepared form? ☐ LOCAL ☐ PRIVATE ORGANIZATION

(13) WITHIN NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO

(14) WITHIN NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK? ☐ YES, NAME ☒ NO

(15) ACREAGE 50

(16) CONDITION
☐ excellent ☐ deteriorated ☐ altered ☐ original site
☐ good ☐ ruins ☐ unaltered ☐ moved
☐ fair ☐ unexposed ☐ reconstructed ☐ unknown
☐ unexcavated ☐ excavated

(17) features:
INTERIOR: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-1 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-4 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-7
EXTERIOR: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-2 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-5 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-8
ENVIRONS: ☐ SUBSTANTIALLY INTACT-3 ☐ NOT INTACT-0 ☐ UNKNOWN-6 ☐ NOT APPLICABLE-9

(18) ACCESS ☐ YES-Restricted ☐ YES-Unrestricted ☐ No Access ☐ Unknown

(19) ADAPTIVE USE ☐ YES ☐ NO

(20) SAVED? ☐ YES

IS PROPERTY A HISTORIC DISTRICT? ☒ yes ☐ no

(21) AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE:
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-prehistoric-2 ☐ COMMERCE-6 ☐ ENGINEERING-11 ☐ LANDSCAPE ARCH.-15 ☐ POLITICS/GOVT.-21 ☐ RECREATION-28
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-historic-1 ☐ COMMUNICATIONS-7 ☐ ENTERTAINMENT-26 ☐ LAW-16 ☐ RELIGION-22 ☐ SETTLEMENT-29
☐ AGRICULTURE-3 ☐ CONSERVATION-8 ☐ EXPLORATION-12 ☐ LITERATURE-17 ☐ SCIENCE-23 ☐ URBAN PLANNING-31
☐ ARCHITECTURE-4 ☐ ECONOMICS-9 ☐ HEALTH-27 ☐ MILITARY-18 ☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN-24 ☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)
☐ ART-5 ☐ EDUCATION-10 ☐ INDUSTRY-13 ☐ MUSIC-19 ☐ SOCIAL/CULTURAL-30
☐ INVENTION-14 ☐ PHILOSOPHY-20 ☐ TRANSPORTATION-25

(22) CLAIMS: explain
'first' ☐
'oldest' ☐
'only' ☐

(23) functions
WHEN HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT:
CURRENTLY:

(24) dates of initial construction:
major alterations:
historic events:

(25) ETHNIC GROUP ASSOCIATION

(26) architectural style(s):

(27) architect:

(28) master builder:

(29) engineer:

(30) landscape architect / garden designer:

(31) interior decorator:

(32) artist:

(33) artisan:

(34) builder/contractor:

(35) NAMES give role & date
PERSONAL:
EVENTS:
INSTITUTIONAL:

(36) NATIONAL REGISTER WRITE-UP

reviewers initials _____ date _____ IF ADDITIONAL SPACE NEEDED, NUMBER & PUT ON REVERSE

5. Roughly bounded by Orleans, Bowie, Neches, Crockett, Laurel, Willow, Broadway, Pearl, Main, and 1st Sts, Gilbert Sts.