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Committee: Landmarks Commission	Meeting Date: 6/3/2026
Item Number: ID#26-03637	
Subject: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landmarks Commission Certificate of Appropriateness for 818 N. East Ave. Review a request to replace the roof on the former convent building (St. Joseph Catholic Church Complex).	

Details: The applicants, Corpus Christi Catholic Parish, would like to replace the roof on the Martin Brown House at 818 N. East Ave. They needed to start the work immediately to prevent water damage, so staff approved an Emergency Certificate of Appropriateness on May 13th, to allow work to start right away. However, the Landmarks Commission still needs to approve the full Certificate of Appropriateness, to ratify staff's approval.

The new roof will be Owens Corning Oakridge Series shingles, Brownwood color. The project will also include replacement of flashing, ice and water barriers, and other waterproofing measures. A small section of flat roof at the top of the building will have an EDPM rubber membrane.

The Martin Brown House was built in 1878, originally as a private residence. It was purchased by the church for use as a convent around 1900. It's architecture is a combination of the Greek Revival and Italianate architectural styles.

Relevant Secretary of the Interior Standards:

2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces, and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
5. Distinctive materials, features, finishes, and construction techniques or examples of craftsmanship that characterize a property will be preserved.



6. Deteriorated historic features will be repaired rather than replaced. Where the severity of deterioration requires replacement of a distinctive feature, the new feature will match the old in design, color, texture and, where possible, materials. Replacement of missing features will be substantiated by documentary and physical evidence.

Paint and Repair Grant info: The Corpus Christi Catholic Parish is not eligible for Paint and Repair Grants.

Staff Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for roof replacement at 818 N. East Ave.