Help With State Funding for Historic Preservation

By Preservation Texas

The Texas Legislature Needs to Hear from YOU!

The Senate and House Committees in charge of the budget bills are finalizing their recommendations for state agencies for the next two years. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) needs your help to ensure the agency receives the budget needed to protect Texas’ heritage.

The Committees have shown support for the THC’s base budget and most of the extra funding items they requested, but more urging to compensate for the significant cuts made during the last legislative session, are critical. Because of these last session mandates, THC’s budget was cut by 50% and 47 staff positions were lost. In addition to a base budget equal to what was appropriated during the last legislative session, the Senate and House Committees are currently recommending the following:

- Pend consideration of $20 million in bond funding for the Texas Courthouse Preservation Grant Program until later in the session;
- Provide half the amount requested by THC for additional operating funds and staff positions;
- Restore the remaining funds from the Texas Preservation Trust Fund for use in making grants across the state; and,
- Provide funds for the agency to maintain their historic sites in the Capital complex, as well as purchase needed equipment and vehicles.

Please call and email your legislators immediately, especially if they sit on the Senate Finance or House Appropriations Committee. Thank them for their support of the THC to date and please request the following items:

- Full funding of THC’s request for an additional $3.6 million for operating expenses and at least 15 staff positions, and,
Welcome and thank you!

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PARTNER LINKS:
• Ensure support for at least $20 million in bond funding for the Texas Courthouse Preservation Grant Program

Find out members of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations Committees:

State Finance Committee

House Appropriations Committee

Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee

**Preservation Issues**

By David Preziosi

We now have some additional news on the Braniff Operations and Maintenance Building located at Love Field regarding its eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The building has been under review for eligibility since November and the Federal Aviation Administration determined the building is not eligible for listing on the National Register. However, the Texas Historical Commission recently determined that the building is eligible for the National Register. So, now the issue of eligibility goes to Washington, D.C. for final decision on eligibility by the Keeper of the National Register since the federal and state agency disagree. Stay tuned for more to come on this issue!

The Braniff building is located on Lemmon Avenue and backs up to Love Field. The building is an important example of mid-century modern architecture finished in 1958 and designed by William Periera and Charles Luckman of Charles Luckman Associates, an important national architectural firm based in Los Angeles. This building predated some of their nationally famous work including the iconic "Theme Building" at Los Angeles International Airport in 1961, and the Transamerica Tower in San Francisco in 1972. Supervising the local design was Dallas architect Mark Lemmon who designed many notable buildings in Dallas including the Tower Petroleum Building and the Hall of State at Fair Park.
The City of Dallas Department of Aviation would like to demolish the building to redevelop the site for other commercial uses.

### Spring Cleaning Sale

**Only Four Weeks Away!**

By Donovan Westover

Have you not yet delivered your merchandise donations to Preservation Dallas? Time is running out! Donate your unwanted items (household items, clothing, books, electronics, etc.) to benefit Preservation Dallas. We will then sell the items at our Spring Cleaning Sale on Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Spring Cleaning yard sale will be in the Preservation Dallas/Wilson House parking lot, and you never know what treasures you may be able to pick up. Be sure to tell your friends about donating and attending the sale... everybody is invited!

Please deliver items by Friday, March 29 to the Preservation Dallas office at 2922 Swiss Avenue. Donations will be accepted Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. You will receive a donation certificate for taxes, and we will do the rest. To make arrangements for oversize items or deliveries outside business hours, please call Preservation Dallas at 214-821-3290. While donated items will be sold "As Is (may need parts/repair)," Preservation Dallas reserves the right to refuse unsuitable merchandise. Cannot help out with donations? Then volunteer for a shift organizing merchandise prior to the sale, or to work at the sale, by contacting Donovan Westover here.

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**Director's Letter**

By David Preziosi, Executive Director

Spring will officially be arriving soon and with the arrival of spring we will be gearing up for many activities at Preservation Dallas! We have much planned including: the Advanced Historic House Specialist class, which will be held next week, the Spring Cleaning Sale in April; and the Preservation Achievement Awards event in May. Intown Outings will also be returning this spring!

The first Intown Outing will be in April and we will have one a month until November. We are currently working on...
scheduling the various Outings and will post more information on each one when we have dates and locations confirmed. To kick off the Intown Outings for the year, the first will be on April 6th with a guided tour of the Wilson National Register Historic District. The tour will start with a visit inside the 1899 Wilson House, home to Preservation Dallas, and then continue with a walking tour to look at the other houses in the two block district. During the tour hear about the architecture and history of the unique Queen Anne style homes restored by the Meadows Foundation and currently used as offices for local nonprofit organizations. More information about the April 6th Intown Outing will be coming soon to your email inboxes!

Pilot Grove Church Restoration at Dallas Heritage Village

By Melissa Prycer, Associate Director - Dallas Heritage Village

Dallas Heritage Village is currently embarking on a major restoration project of the Pilot Grove Church and Renner School. Working with contractor Ron Siebler, Dallas Heritage Village has a unique opportunity to present the public with an interactive educational experience and living history demonstration of late 19th and early 20th century carpentry tools and techniques. On Tuesday, March 12 and Wednesday, March 13, visitors to the site will encounter one or two carpenters, dressed in period costumes, employing historically informed methods and hand tools while making repairs to the lower level of the church.

In addition to demonstrating hand tool carpentry techniques, one artisan will also be doing 3rd person hands-on interpretation/education. A roped-off area will be created adjacent to the work site where visitors will have a participatory opportunity to safely work with circa 1910 carpenter's hand tools, such as a bit and brace, hand plane, hand saws, and other like implements that are no longer commonly employed by the trades. This project is generously funded by The Hoblitzelle Foundation, The Straus Charitable Trust and Valspar Paint.

Admission to Dallas Heritage Village is $9/adults, $7/Seniors and $5/kids (4-12). For more on additional spring break activities, new exhibit, Cedars Stories, and the yarn bombing installation, check out the Dallas Heritage Village.
Upcoming Programs and Events for Preservation Dallas and Partners

Dallas Center for Architecture Film Series
Short Films on Mies van der Rohe
March 13, 6:00 pm

Ludwig Mies van der Rohe was born on March 27, 1886. The DCFA will celebrate his 127th birthday a little early this year by featuring two short films on his work. "Regular or Super" uses a gas station Mies designed near Montreal in 1967 as a launching point for an examination of his career. "Saved from the Wrecking Ball" tells the dramatic story of the collaboration that created one of Mies' finest masterpieces, Farnsworth House. It culminates with the high-stakes efforts to save it from demolition in 2003. $10 donation requested at the door. To RSVP, send an e-mail to info@DallasCFA.com.

Preservation Dallas Advanced Historic House Specialist
March 14
Preservation Dallas - Wilson House

Realtors may be certified as Historic House Specialists through an intensive two-day training course provided in partnership with the MetroTex Association of Realtors. This seminar is also open to owners or prospective owners of historic homes or anyone interested in learning about Dallas architects and developers, architectural styles, historic building research, or historic designations. For more information or to register click here.

Dallas Architectural Forum Lecture Series
March 21, 7pm
Horchow Auditorium, Dallas Museum of Art

The lecture series will feature Kenneth Frampton a British architect, critic, historian and the Ware Professor of Architecture at the Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at Columbia University, New York. Frampton is well known for his writing on twentieth-century architecture. Lectures are free for Dallas Architecture Forum members. General admission is $20.

Preservation Dallas Intown Outing - Wilson Historic District
April 6, 10am, 11am

Take a guided tour of The Wilson National Register Historic District starting with a tour of the Wilson House and then a walking tour to look at the other houses in the two
block district. Tours will start at 10 and 11am.

**Preservation Dallas Spring Cleaning Sale**
April 6, 8am - 2pm
Preservation Dallas/Wilson House Parking Lot

See what bargains and treasures you can find at the Spring Cleaning sale to benefit Preservation Dallas! Open to the public so invite your friends to join you!

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