Park and Recreation Board Votes for Management Plan with the Fair Park Texas Foundation

After 8 hours of public testimony last week, a staff presentation, questioning of Walt Humann with the Fair Park Texas Foundation, and deliberation by the Park and Recreation Board members they decided to vote in favor (9-5) of the Management Plan with the Fair Park Texas Foundation.

The day started off early with a capacity crowd in the City Council Briefing room. Over 30 people spoke during the public comment section of the meeting. About half were in favor of the Foundation and the others were either against the Foundation or wanted the vote delayed. The Park and Recreation Department staff went through the management plan page by page and answered questions from the Park Board. Walt Humann also gave a presentation on his plans for the Foundation and board members asked him questions as well. After that, the board deliberated and proposed amendments to the Management Plan, of which several passed while others didn’t. When it came to a final vote on the plan with the amendments some board members were hesitant to vote as they wanted to see a revised plan with the amendments before voting.

Now that the Management Plan has passed the Park and Recreation Board, it will go to City Council for the final vote for the city to enter into the agreement with the Fair Park Texas Foundation to manage and operate Fair Park for an initial term of 20 years. Like the Zoo and the Arboretum, the Foundation will receive a management fee to operate the park. The current budget for Fair Park would be moved over to the Foundation as part of that fee and the current staff at Fair Park would move to the Foundation’s payroll.

There will be a briefing for the City Council on August 29 at 1 p.m. in room 6ES of City Hall. It is a public meeting and we would like as many people to attend as possible in support of the Foundation. There will be no public comment at the meeting though and will be just for the city staff and Walt Humann to brief the Council and answer their questions regarding the Management Plan and the Foundation. When the Management Plan is scheduled for a public hearing at City Council an Advocacy Alert will go out as it will be important for people to show up in support of the Foundation there as well. In the mean time please also contact your City Council member to ask them to vote for the Management Plan with the Fair Park Texas Foundation.
Grand Re-Opening!

The Dallas History & Archives Division of the downtown Dallas Public Library is back up and running again! Here is your chance to get a look at the newly renovated seventh floor. Any inquiries that were submitted while the department was closed will be answered in the order in which they were received. Please contact texas@dallaslibrary.org with any questions.

Braniff History and Architecture Conference Registration Closes August 28

The Second Braniff History and Architecture Conference, presented by Braniff Airways Foundation and Preservation Dallas, will be held on Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Braniff Place World Headquarters (DexMedia Hotel and Conference Center).

This year's conference will feature an amazing array of speakers that include Braniff pilots presenting their recollections of flying with America's most colorful air carrier. The Dallas/Fort Worth Regional Airport will be the spotlight facility for the architecture section of the conference and an amazing Fashion Show will be presented by Braniff's Flight Attendants and Pilots.

The cost for the conference is $45 and includes lunch. For more information or to register for the conference click here.

Save the Date!
The Fall Architectural Tour is Saturday, October 29
Save the date for the 2016 Fall Architectural Tour, presented by Ebby Halliday Realtors, and join us for a look at some of Dallas’ most significant residences. We are excited to begin rolling out tour homes with the patron party house, the Hess House, formerly Robert Edsel’s Turtle creek estate. The general tour will include the 1958 Cupaioli House which still features the teal Geneva metal kitchen cabinetry in its super intact interiors. We will continue to add tour homes and details to our webpage on a regular basis. We assure another distinctive collection of homes and you will not miss this opportunity!

General tour tickets include five houses and are $50, and patron tour tickets are $100, which include an additional tour house as well as the patron party house, with discounts for members of Preservation Dallas.

Volunteers Needed on Two Committees!

North Texas Giving Day is coming up soon and we need your help! We need ideas to stand out from the many nonprofits advertising that day. Any and all help is appreciated.

This day matches us with a broader audience of potential members and donors, and provides extra funds for our goal to educate the public about preservation and document the architectural history of this wonderful city. Donations over $25 are multiplied with funds raised through Communities Foundation of Texas. And here is the exciting part - every gift given helps our chances of winning prizes given throughout that day ranging from $500 to $5000! There are many other ways to increase our fundraising that day. All ideas are welcome!

If you are interested, please email us today! We hope to meet soon to plan our marketing campaign for the event.

The membership committee will also be meeting again! If you would like to help us promote Preservation Dallas to the greater public and plan upcoming events in an effort to increase our membership base, then the membership committee is for you! We meet once a month in the
Wilson House, typically at noon. If you have ideas or would like to volunteer your support at events, please email or call.

Corporate Partner Spotlight: Tumbleweeds Architectural Company

Tumbleweeds Architectural Company values the craftsmanship of the builders and the makers who came before us. They source architectural salvage and antiques nationwide with a mission to help customers carry the story of these pieces in their own homes. Whether you own a historic property or are looking to add historic charm to your current home, they can help realize your vision with their selection of original period materials.

Tumbleweeds Architectural Company is an extension of Integrity Custom Contractors, located in downtown, historic McKinney, Texas. Integrity Custom has always been in the re-use and re-invent business. Starting out in the Dallas “M” streets, they acquired a sour taste early on when they witnessed original parts of beautiful, historic homes being replaced with newer (read: shoddy and cheap) materials.

That distaste steered their business in the opposite direction, with a heart for restoration, and landed them in McKinney, where they’ve found a community of like minded restorers and salvagers. As a contractor, they’ve run into a big problem, though. There just isn’t enough old materials left anymore. The deconstructive consequence of the rise of the McMansion is that many of the beautiful pieces of American history have been carelessly discarded.

The best answer to a problem, however, is when your predicament collides with others. Out of the ashes arose a perfect solution for all parties. This particular solution came after years of Saturday morning rummaging trips. The owners have always loved to go antiquing and junking. In the beginning of their marriage, it was the only way for them to get the things they (and their clients) need but pieces of history that demand to be saved.

Fast forward a few years later and they’ve gone from an empty backseat to a couple of full ones, but they’re still pulling a trailer and searching for not only the things that they need but pieces of history that demand to be saved.

Along their travels, they’ve come across individuals who, when they catch wind of an historic home being torn down, rush in and save as much of it as they can. And there’s the dilemma. They have empty pockets, but warehouses full of corbels, wood, molding, and abandoned furniture, all with unrealized potential.

Tumbleweeds Architectural Supply Company was born out of a desire to 1) offer historically significant pieces for restoration and renovations and 2) to save as much Americana history as they could fit into their trailer. They honor the craftsman of the past by recycling and re-using their expertly built pieces. They want to support the individuals that feel as passionately about restoration and recycling as they do, all the while, providing North Texas with pieces that will bring individuality and authenticity to their homes. Some of which they see used for their original purpose, and other pieces as re-envisioned heirlooms, such as farm tables and artisan chicken coops.
Their warehouse is full of antique doors, claw foot bathtubs, farmhouse cabinets and cupboards, turn of the century columns, antique store displays, mantels and corbels. They are contacted almost daily by salvage companies nationwide offering their inventory to them and they are always on the hunt for those special pieces that you cannot find anywhere else. Their commitment to find one of a kind, quality pieces has helped them to partner with not only homeowners, but the best designers and builders in the metroplex.

They are located at 490B North Kentucky Street in McKinney, just a block off of the historic downtown square and are open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., one Saturday a month or by appointment. You can join their email list for open house dates and special discounts.

The Tumbleweeds motto has become: “They don’t make things like they used to, but we find the things they used to make.”

Preservation Issues

DART D2 - DART held a meeting last week to update the stakeholders on the progress with the design of the proposed new line, along with options, through downtown. A portion of the meeting dealt with the funding aspect of the project and how federal funds are applied for and work with the Core Capacity grant that DART is soliciting funding from. Currently DART is still in the Project Development phase of the project and will not have to lock in the final amount for the project until they get to the Engineering Phase, which is about a year-and-a-half out. During the Project Development phase they have to do all of the environmental studies and determine the final route for the line. They are also currently working on traffic studies and how it relates to the various intersections along the proposed route in the downtown area and along Good-Latimer in Deep Ellum. The study is also looking at potential street closures on traffic patterns in the areas along Wood and Jackson streets. DART is looking at an alternative to the Lamar Street routing as there are numerous difficulties with Lamar Street. They are now studying an option of going down Griffin Street. Additionally, noise and vibration studies are underway along various sections of the line to determine how historic structures such as the SoCo Lofts, Aloft Hotel, the Statler, Lone Star Gas Lofts, etc. will be affected. DART announced that there will be more public meetings early this fall and they will have to go back to City Council with an update on the viability of the route they voted for last year as the Locally Preferred Alternative.

Director's Letter

David Preziosi

While I was on vacation last month I got a chance to visit the Bronck Museum in upstate NY which includes the Bronck House dating back to 1663 and associated structures. Yes, you read that correctly - 1663! It is amazing to think that the stone house built by Swedish and Dutch homesteaders has survived for over 350 years. The house, owned by the Greene County Historical Society since 1939, has not been updated with plumbing or HVAC, and electricity was only added in the 1950s. The house received its last addition in 1738 and in 1963 was designated a National Historic Landmark. The house remained in the Bronck family until it was donated to the historical society.

After visiting the house I thought about Dallas and if we will ever have any buildings reach 350 years old. We are over halfway there with the Sharrock Cabin, thankfully a complete reconstruction of the cabin by the Dallas Park and Recreation Department saved it from falling down around itself. Other than Sharrock, what other buildings are in the running to make it to 350 or even just 200 years? For me, I think of the solid masonry buildings such as Old Red, the Wilson Building, the Old Municipal Building and the Hall of State making it to 200 years. Or mid-century modern buildings like the Statler - will they last with their modern materials and curtain walls of glass and metal? I hope so, but only time will tell.
Thankfully there are over 120 buildings which are individually landmarked in Dallas that can’t be demolished without approval from the Landmark Commission; however, protections don’t extend to important buildings like the Wilson Building and Statler as they are not Landmarks. Hopefully more of our historic buildings will be protected for the future with landmark designation.

One thing is for sure though, without maintenance and resources historic buildings won’t last forever. Time and the elements will take their toll on a building regardless of its importance or age. Historic buildings need good stewards. In the case of the Bronck House it was built in the rural Hudson Valley which has never received development pressure and it remained in the same family who took care of the house and grounds until they were donated to the historical society. Since then the society has worked hard to maintain and interpret the historic property, yet they continue to struggle with maintaining the house and the many outbuildings as a $6 tour admission only goes so far!

The portion of the Bronck House on the left with the front facing gable was constructed in 1663 and the portion to the right with the porch is the later addition finished in 1738.

An unusual 13 sided barn on the Bronck House property built in the 1830’s is the oldest, documented, multi-sided barn in the state of New York.

Events

**Summer Sizzlers Session Six**
**The Kathlyn Joy Gilliam Museum**
Tuesday | August 16 | 6 p.m. | 3817 Wendelkin Street

Recently designated a City of Dallas historic landmark, the Gilliam House served as the epicenter of Kathlyn Joy Gilliam’s historical community activist work. The house, now a museum, honors the legacy of Mrs. Gilliam, a DISD Trustee for 23 years, including a term as the first and only African-American female President of the DISD School Board. She fought and won many battles that literally changed not only Dallas, but the entire nation in the areas of education, justice and political empowerment for African-Americans. We will join Connie Harris, Gilliam’s daughter, on a tour of the property with a brief history of her mother’s work and the interesting preservation efforts the Museum has made to the property.

[Register online](#) for this session or call us at 214-821-3290.

**InTown Outing - Historic Church Restoration Project**
Tuesday | August 23 | 6 p.m. | 410 South
Join us and the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League (OOCCL) at the 1929 Winnetka Congregational Church, now being revitalized as the Historic Church Restoration Project. Architect T.J. Galbraith’s Gothic design is an alluring facet of the Winnetka Heights Conservation District and its transition to a multi-use facility is a fascinating story you do not want to miss.

Lot parking is available at 410 South Windomere.

Admission is free for members of Preservation Dallas and Old Oak Cliff Conservation League, $20 for non-members and reservations are required. Please RSVP by email or call us at 214-821-3290.

**Historic House Specialist seminar**

**Thursday and Friday | September 15 & 16 |**

**Begins at 8:30 a.m. | Wilson Carriage House**

Become an authority of historic Dallas neighborhoods! This popular two-day seminar includes lectures from local experts on architectural history and styles of Dallas, the preservation ordinance, property tax incentives, how to research the history of a building, and more! It also includes a bus tour of historic neighborhoods in Dallas. Participants receive a signed copy of Virginia McAlester’s *Field Guide to American Houses* and a complimentary one year membership to Preservation Dallas. Don’t delay! Enrollment is limited to 27 people. The past sessions have sold out with a wait list!

**REGISTRATION:**
The workshop is $230 and includes lunch on both days. Realtors will receive 8 hours MCE credit. Register with MetroTex Association of REALTORS at 214-540-2751, or online.

**North Texas Giving Day**

**Thursday | September 22 | 6 a.m. - Midnight**

A little goes a long way when North Texans give on North Texas Giving Day! The impact of your special donation on this day will positively influence Preservation Dallas’ role in protecting the future of the city’s historic buildings and neighborhoods. For over forty years, Preservation Dallas has been an advocate for preservation and an educational resource for Dallas, but only with your continued support can we make these efforts possible! We hope to count on your support on September 22nd!
Mrs. Michael A. McBee

**Double**
Deborah Michel

**Individual**
Kristi Nedderman

**Young Professionals**
Alexandra Kleineck
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