Round Rock Preservation began its journey in April 2016 to establish a 501c3 nonprofit charity, whose mission is to retain and preserve the most significant historic buildings & sites within the City of Round Rock.

Both the State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service recognize Round Rock Preservation and have authorized contribution deductibility. All membership dues and donations have tax exemption to the full extent of the law. For tax deductible purposes our Employee Identification Number is 81-2339800. The effective date of exemption is April 05, 2016.

We appreciate the founding members, sponsor, & donors for providing generous contributions to help Round Rock Preservation achieve our mission and for achieving our first preservation project (Raising Funds to help the City of Round Rock relocate the Harris Stagecoach Inn from 901 Round Rock Avenue (Suite D) to the proposed Bathing Beach Park along Chisholm Trail Road (beside the Sansom House) on the north west side of Brushy Creek near the Round Rock). Our members, sponsor & donors include:

**FOUNDING MEMBERS**

Roy & Cecelia Adair (Manchaca)

John & Ramona Beasley (Westlake Hills)

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San Antonio Conservation Society (San Antonio)

Jill Souter (Round Rock)

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**2016/2017 PRESERVATION PROJECT**

We consider the Harris Stagecoach Inn the most endangered historic building in Round Rock; because, the Inn is threatened by demolition by the RM 620 Road Safety Project. The Inn was built circa 1848-1853 and is owned by the City of Round Rock.

The City of Round Rock has given the City’s Transportation Department permission to demolish the Inn (after following the City’s Historic Preservation rules which gave the public 120 days to come up with a funding solution to relocate the inn, to find a new purpose & to find a new owner for the Inn).

Over 1,200 individuals signed the Change.org petition to tell the City of Round Rock they favored relocating over demolition of the Inn. However, no real offers came forth for repurposing the inn and no huge sponsor stepped forward to help fund the project. Finding no solution, the City issued the demolition permit.

The RM 620 project is not expected to begin construction until the end of 2017. However, to be saved, the Inn must be relocated prior to the construction start date. A construction start date is still to be determined.

In view of the support voiced in the petitions, the City of Round Rock hired Architexas (a consulting firm from Austin) for $26,000 to develop a cost feasibility study to determine total costs for relocating the Inn.

**The final report is expected to be presented to the City of Round Rock by November 1, 2016.** Once the final study is received by the Historic Preservation Office, the subject will be placed on the City Council’s agenda for consideration.

The draft report cited a cost of approximately $557,000; however the costs were not complete, so the city returned the draft to the Contractor for further cost analysis. I understand the estimated costs have once again grown. After the final report is received by the City, the Historic Preservation Office will ask members of the City Council to consider the affordability of relocating the Harris Stagecoach Inn.

The study suggests two relocation sites. One option is to leave the Inn located within the Commons Complex and move the structure back to the south about 30 yards. The other option is to relocate the Inn to the proposed Bathing Beach Park. The report was positive for relocating the Inn; should City Council decide the total costs are affordable for the City of Round Rock.

**FUND RAISING EFFORTS**

To date the fundraising is extremely slow. We have about $2,000 in the bank for the Stagecoach Inn Project. If you can volunteer to lead a fundraising effort, please contact us.

As a minimum, Round Rock Preservation wants to fund the difference between the cost of the two location options, so the Inn can be relocated to the Bathing Beach Park. Since Alexander Harris (a son of JJ Harris) owned properties in Old Town at 4 Chisholm Trail & 8 Chisholm Trail, the Bathing Beach Site would place the Inn closer to those properties connected to the JJ Harris family & other remaining properties in Old Town.

We expect to brief the Council when the item is placed on the City Council Agenda (between November and January timeframe). We need to grow broad community financial support prior to our briefing the City Council. Please contact your friends and business leaders & ask them to support the relocation project through a membership, a donation, or a sponsorship.

**CHALK WALK**

Round Rock Preservation participated in the 2016 Round Rock Arts Council Chalk Walk. We didn’t win an art award; however, we visited those individuals, who stopped at our art space & we gave them information about the Harris Stagecoach Inn. We raised $63.31 in donations during the event. We were located at the first art space as you entered the event off Brown Street and we viewed the project as a success.

**PHOTOS/T-SHIRTS/PHOTO ALBUM**

We have been unsuccessful in locating a photo of JJ and Susannah Harris (the individuals who built the Inn); however, we are still trying to locate a photo of the original owners and photos of the inn throughout the past 160+ years.

We have produced a RR Stagecoach Inn T-Shirt (which is available for $20.00) and a Stagecoach Inn photo album (which is available for $50.00). These items are available by mail or at our website, rrpreservation.org.

**WE ARE TRYING; HOWEVER, WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE!**  **HELP US GROW OUR MEMBERSHIPS AND HELP US RAISE FUNDS TO RELOCATE THE INN. Forms are available on-line.**