**Round Rock Preservation News**

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A quick update on what is happening with Round Rock’s Stagecoach Inn:

At the Round Rock City Council Meeting on February 23, 2017, the Council heard a brief from Architexas (a consulting firm), who developed the RR Stagecoach Inn Relocation Feasibility Study Report. The report states the Bathing Beach Site (beside the Sansom House facing Chisholm Trail Road) would provide the best site as far as access and visibility to the public. This costs were slightly higher ($758,107) than the site at The Commons ($614,722). The costs include moving the original portions of the Inn, installing a new foundation site, and restoring the Inn to its original condition (smaller windows, new roof, etc.). The consultant reassured the Council these are reliable cost figures.

The deadline for relocating the Inn is this fall (October timeframe) as the RM 620 project is ready to proceed once they get the green light for utilities and they complete the right-of-way purchases (which are approximately 50 percent complete).

Members of City Council seemed to be in agreement that RR’s Stagecoach Inn should be preserved. The Mayor tasked the City Manager to review ways the city would lower costs (pouring the site and doing the demolition work themselves) and possibly using tourism dollars for some of the costs. City Council also seemed to be in agreement that partners from throughout the community are needed to fund some of these costs.

The City presented a proclamation to RR Preservation announcing 2017 at the 150th Anniversary of the Chisholm Trail. Mickie Ross (Director, **Williamson County Museum) announced they will open a satellite living-history museum (Williamson Museum on the Chisholm Trail) on April 1, 2017.**  The location is in Old Town, #8 Chisholm Trail Road, in the St. Charles Hotel/Post Office. Off-line Mickie tells me they welcome the use of the Stagecoach Inn and the Sansom House for use in their Living History Museum. A Chisholm Trail Day will be April 1 from 10a.m.-3p.m. and will be open to the public. Thus, we have a new use for RR’s Stagecoach Inn.

Round Rock Preservation briefed at the RR Historic Preservation meeting on Feb 21, and at the RR City Council meeting on Feb 23, 2017. Videos for both meetings are available for viewing on-line at the City of Round Rock’s Website.

May is National Historic Preservation Month. **Round Rock Preservation is hosting our annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 6, at 10 a.m**. We haven’t heard back from the city; however, we would like to host the event on the patio area of the Stagecoach Inn. If permission is not received, we will host the meeting on the banks of Brushy Creek. We will serve lemonade and cookies. We ask attendees bring lawn chairs or a blanket for sitting purposes. We will present a skit at the start of the meeting on the history of RR’s Stagecoach Inn.

**May 13, 7 p.m., at the RR Library,** Round Rock Preservation will host a history program entitled, “178 years of Round Rock History-come and learn about it.” The program will be open to the public; however, seating is limited.

**The RR Historic Preservation Commission needs 2 volunteers from Round Rock to serve on this Commission**. They must have been residents of Round Rock for 1 year. **The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, March 10.** Appointments will be made on March 10 at City Council Meeting, 7 p.m. City Hall. I know each of you have a strong interest in historic preservation within the City of Round Rock. Give Joelle Jordan (Senior Planner, City of RR) a call at 512-218-5422 for information. It is important these positions be filled, so proper decisions can be made in the future about preserving/protecting our historic sites and buildings.

As founding members of Round Rock Preservation, I thank you for your support of Round Rock Preservation. If you have ideas on how we can grow our membership or how we can partner with the City of Round Rock is funding the relocation of the RR Stagecoach Inn, please contact me.

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