

BOREN PROPERTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

February 10, 2023

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: Charlsa Boren Bentley, Chair at 10:03 AM

Roll Call

Board Members

Present:

Charlsa Boren Bentley, Chair

Pete McCaskill

Tom Sale

WL Sanders

Absent:

Barbara Black

Staff

Jen Basham, Parks and Recreation Director

Jessica Martinez, Parks and Recreation Manager

Mary Ann Spaun, Russell Farm Supervisor

Pamela O'Hearn, Customer Service Attendant/Recording Secretary

Dillon Whitehead, Fire Marshall

Joshua Frost, Code Enforcement

Charlsa Boren Bentley had everyone introduce themselves.

Jessica Martinez presented the report on the shed structure.

The smartest option is to tear down and rebuild the shed structure, reusing as much of the Materials as possible. Rebuild the shed structure with the same aesthetics as the current one.

The bids are \$16,000.00 and \$13,000.00.

Jen Basham, we need to remove the building because of the substandard condition. The City of Burleson wants to replace the shed.

Tom Sale, if the building is being rebuilt, can it be made taller as the entrance is so low people hit their heads when entering?

Mary Ann Spaun stated that the entrance will be 6 feet tall.

Joshua Frost commented that the shed is considered an accessory building.

Pete McCaskill- Considerations of what the building can be used for?

Mary Ann Spaun, currently being used to store donkey and chicken food and supplies. The future building can be used for demonstrations.

Pete McCaskill asked if the building had electricity.

Mary Ann Spaun responded. Yes, it does.

Charlsa Boren Bentley, would like to see the building get full functionality.

WL Sanders asked how old the building was.

Charlsa Boren Bentley stated that it was one of the oldest buildings on the property.

WL Sanders asked that the corrugated metal on the building be saved. He asked if there was a way to age new corrugated metal so that the new build would look old.

Mary Ann Spaun said that there was a way to age the metal.

Charlsa Boren Bentley stated that her mother, Louise Boren recognizes the need to replace the building for safety reasons. Is this something that can be done quickly?

Joshua Frost said there is no foundation and it would be an easy small build.

WL Sanders asked who will supervise the construction of the building.

Joshua Frost, the builder would need to pull permits and have inspections done.

Mary Ann Spaun, the City of Burleson would allow construction to be done on Mondays while Russell Farm Art Center is closed.

Dillon Whitehead, a crew could de-construct the building in a day and set aside the materials to be reused.

Pete McCaskill stated that the Baker building had dirt floors at one time. Would there be a possibility to use the new shed for woodworking in the future?

Mary Ann Spaun, we should consider increasing the space in the shed.

Charlsa Boren Bentley asked how big was Mary Ann thinking?

Pete McCaskill, anything would be an improvement.

Mary Ann Spaun, the Baker building is being remodeled. The wood room is done.

WL Sanders, can the new shed be complimentary.

Mary Ann Spaun, we would need to make the building larger and it would be nice to have a closet.

WL Sanders, this is an opportunity to make it better than it is.

Tom Sale, if you extend the building, you eliminate lawn and garden areas or extend into existing driveways. Tom is giving 2 antique forges and an anvil to the farm.

Charlsa Boren Bentley, is there a way to repurpose the building, keep the dirt floor, if there is a way to partition the building to make it multipurpose. Want to have potential for a rough out area.

Mary Ann Spaun, the building hasn't been used because of its falling down condition.

Charlsa Boren Bentley, in discussion with Louise Boren, she stated that the shed is one of the oldest buildings on the farm. It is critical to keep it old looking and make it safe. Charlsa recognizes the need to do this expeditiously and would like to see plans, schematic, elevation of what the building will look like. The Boren Property Advisory Council could do a zoom meeting.

WL Sanders suggested approval with stipulation that Charlsa Boren Bentley, approves of the plan. Contingent upon approval by Charlsa Boren Bentley.

Charlsa Boren Bentley made a motion. That our committee give provisional approval in concept for reconstruction of the building pending final plans to be developed and presented by the City of Burleson. Further, we desire that the necessary work be performed in such a way that is least destructive of the character and appearance of the building, using the same or similar materials to the greatest extent possible. Final approval will be contingent upon approval by Charlsa Boren Bentley.

Tom Sale made a motion to accept the motion made by Charlsa Boren Bentley and WL Sanders seconded the motion.

Vote, all in favor – 4, no one opposed the motion.

Charlsa suggested sending the minutes as soon as possible after the meetings.

Tom Sale made a motion to accept this. WL Sanders seconded the motion. This was unanimously approved.

The members skimmed over the Historical Advisory Committee report provided by Barbara Black.

Tom Sale, gave the Art Committee report.

Trying to take what we have and making it better. 2 Red Chair Lectures in the spring and fall. Tom spoke about the possibility of a separate building or converting the garage for an art studio. Tom has raised \$8,000. The Saturday Morning Sketch Group artists have donated \$1,000., Tom has received \$1000. From Capital One Bank for doing 5 coloring book pages (blown up) for their employees to color and has donated that to the art studio building fund.

The closet in the Baker building has been turned into gallery space and wood sculptures are being displayed there.

Gary Burkins Red Chair Lecture will be February 24, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

There was a donation of wood working equipment, the estimated value is \$15,000. The equipment was given by the widow of Texas Christian University president.

Hill College gave a grant to develop Kids art at Russell Farm Art Center. Karen Kaiser agreed to do an art project two times a year. She needs a crew of young volunteers to run the program.

With the absence of Jana Perkins, there is a need to find someone to teach the summer art program.

Mary Thomas led a Gel Painting workshop last week, 14 attended.

Emily Brouard will have a dry point etching workshop in May.

Charlsa thanked Tom.

Tom stated that if one was interested, you could join the Saturday morning sketch group at Russell Farm Facebook page. Jen Basham joined.

Charlsa enquired about the second Red Chair Lecture.

Tom said that an indigenous woman, Amy Bruton-Blumell who is a storyteller, children's book author and artist will be presenting the Red Chair Lecture. She also will be doing a craft project the following day at the Saturday morning sketch group.

Charlsa asked that we bring back Jeff to speak about art law and copyright issues. Charlsa asked if there were any other comments. She asked that we do anything to create opportunities for wood sculpture and woodworking.

Supervisors Report-Mary Ann Spaun

Flood lights were installed in the front of property to highlight the signs.

Partnered with City of Burleson Parks Department to trim trees and remove junk from the property.

Baker Building remodeled the closet into gallery space. Barn door built and installed at the wood room of the Baker Building.

Remodeled the closet in the Dairy Barn into gallery space.

Remodeled the Chesapeake to include wheelchair access and partition to divide room into two spaces.

Jen Basham stated that the I.T. team is doing a refresh of the internet around the city, including the farm.

2023 Highlights:

Show Me How Festival, March 25, 2023.

Dare to be Square April 29th.

Kids Farmers Market.

WL Sanders and Charlsa thanked Mary Ann, Jen Basham and Jessica Martinez for what has been done at the farm.

Tom Sale stated that one of his goals is to try and plan ahead and get the Red Chair Lectures in the community guide.

Charlsa said she loved the lights in the front of the farm.

WL Sanders said that seeing all the melodrama with the Dallas Zoo and in Huston, that we should also be aware of security at Russell Farm Art Center.

Charlsa said, Louise is concerned with security at Russell Farm Art Center. Asked if we have security police drive through the farm.

Mary Ann asked if police could drive through on Sundays and Mondays when the farm is closed.

WL Sanders suggested that the cameras be monitored by the police and signs in front of the property stating that the police department monitored the cameras.

Mary Ann said that the cameras catch the entrance and exit driveways.

New I.T director and Jen Basham talking about police surveillance of City of Burleson properties.

Charlsa asked that a guest book be placed in the Dairy Barn for visitors to sign.

WL Sanders asked when construction starts that picture of progress be taken every few days and sent to Charlsa.

Tom said that we should document what is inside of the shed.

Charlsa said that the next meeting will be May 12, 2023. And that there should be a garage approval meeting before that.

Mary Ann said that a supplemental meeting for the garage would be Wednesday March 1st.

Charlsa adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Pamela O'Hearn, Recording Secretary