**STAGECOACH INN RELOCATION**

Our big news is that on February 8, Round Rock City Council selected the contractor to relocate the Inn. That firm is Phoenix 1 Restoration & Construction out of Farmers Branch, Texas. They were the contractors on our State Capital Building. The subcontractor to actually move the inn to its new location is Snow & Sons out of Fort Worth. They have been moving historic rock structures for over 50 years and have not lost a building yet. The total cost of the project is $796,000; which will be funded through Round Rock’s Hotel Occupancy Funds.

The contractor has 10 days after they signed the agreement to start the project and then another 250 days to finalize the relocation. They were actually working on the inside of the RR Stagecoach Inn this morning.

An Option to the basic agreement with the City includes completing 100% of the required masonry work (decreasing the size of the windows that were once enlarged and replacing the back wall). Once relocated, 100% of the mortar will be repointed. When complete the Inn should be stable in every way.

The subcontractor plans to create the new foundation and let the concrete cure prior to relocating the Inn to its new site to ensure the foundation is strong enough to support the rock structure.

In the meantime, the contractor has to wait 10 days prior to starting the exterior demolition of the newer addition to the Inn due to a 10-day waiting requirement by the State prior to any demolition work. While waiting the contractor will take out any

material inside of the Inn that is not needed at the final site.

The contractor plans to save the stones during the demolition process for use at the new site; however, some of the stones in the south addition may not match the color of the stones on the original inn and the contractor may have to locate other stones for that use.

**FINAL RESTORATION STAGE - FUNDRAISING**

While the relocation process is now underway, RR Preservation still has work to be done—THE RESTORATION PHASE. City Council has asked the community to fund the internal and external restoration (new cedar shingles, wood windows, doors, downspouts, floors, interior walls, AC Unit etc. The estimated cost for that phase is still at $253,000. The City also asks RR Preservation to head the fundraising efforts.

RR Preservation is conducting an engraved brick campaign. Our goal is to sell 1,200 bricks to raise $100,000. We also have a valentine special going on through 8 a.m. on Feb 15. We are offering two 4”x8” bricks for $150.00 (BOGO 50% off). To date individuals have purchased a total of 40 bricks. Individual get to word their own bricks and can select a clip art design to place on the bricks. There is a total of 7 options (to include custom designed bricks with business logo for businesses). Individuals should go to our website, <http://www.preservation> to gift a brick.

 The RR Parks Department will keep us posted on the deadline to stop accepting brick orders, so the bricks will arrive within the Bathing Beach Park in time for the Parks Department to install the bricks. The RR Historic Preservation Office is

working with the Parks Department to ensure the bricks are displayed in an attractive display.

We need every member of our organization to help us spread the word about the RR Stagecoach Inn Project and ask their friends and family to gift some bricks. It is a wonderful way to recognize a friend, a loved one, an event such as a RR HS graduate, or a business. We also have several history bricks that individuals can gift to share the story of the Inn and Old Town.

When you make your donation to gift your brick through our website and the donation process is complete, PayPal will ask you to continue to a new website (the brick vendor). Click that you want to go to that site and you will be able to word the lines for your brick. Be sure to select the option that fits your needs and decide if you want to add clip art. Wording without clipart includes up to 20 characters with spaces and punctuation per line. Clip art lines include up to 12 characters per line with spaces and punctuation. The 4”x8” bricks include 3 lines. Recommend you select your clip art design before you go on line to word your brick. You can view the clip art options at our web site under Brick Project Instructions.

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION MONTH**

The month of May is Historic Preservation Month. Karen Thompson will present a History Program on Old Town. Karen’s presentation last year had high reviews. We will keep you posted on date, place, and time.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our board is planning our annual membership meeting for the month of June (date to be determined). If you have an interest in serving on

the board, please let us know. We are reviewing our charter, by laws, and operating procedures to determine if changes are needed. These publications are posted on our website. Members can forward the boarded recommended changes to roundrockpreservation50@yahoo.com

**FAMILY HISTORY WALK/RUN**

Our Board is checking out details for hosting a Family History Walk/Run sometime in October. The purpose of the walk will serve as a fundraiser. We will keep you posted as we definitely will need everyone’s help to make this happen.

 **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS**

 We will be forwarding our membership renewal letters out in a few weeks. We ask each member to bring in one new member to Round Rock Preservation prior to our annual meeting. Our organization needs to increase our memberships to strengthen our support base.

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