

Republic of Texas History Center Report for October 2015



Have you seen this Sign?

This sign is located at the corner of 9th and San Marcos Street on the DRT rental property. It informs the neighborhood of plans for DRT's future Headquarters and Republic of Texas Museum. This view is from the interior courtyard of the French Legation Museum, looking north.

During October, the team focused on the following work areas:

Rental of a section of San Marcos St. property and demolition of duplex: The team continued preparation work on the San Marcos Street property for demolition of the duplex and small stone building at the rear of the property. A local tree service removed specified trees, shrubs and some debris in preparation of demolition. An opportunity to salvage (for purchase) structural and hardware items within the duplex was offered to the neighborhood community development group. These actions precede the proposed lease agreement from Mr. Terry Mitchell's Momark Development Company to lease part of the property for approximately (2) years for his sales offices.

New Fundraising Challenge and Opportunities: Design and parameter work was completed to set the guidelines for the proposed Chapter Flag Pole Challenge fundraiser, which will be presented to the BOM at the November Board meeting in Katy. Also, on Oct. 26, 2015 a meeting was held with John and Chris Gray, owners of Clayworks, regarding our paver project. The team reviewed other memorial and commemorative tile plaques available for fundraising or acknowledgement of donors.

RTHC parking and phased-in construction possibilities: The team met with Eric Miller, Lym Architecture, on October 26th regarding on street parking reserves for the RTHC and his recommendations for a phased-in proposal for the RTHC construction.

Participation: Team members represented the RTHC at the Dist. 1, 7 and 8 workshops during October. Team members participated in the French Legation Museum's Texas-French Market Day on Oct. 3, 2015.

November Board Meeting: The RTHC Chair, Pat Horridge, will present the RTHC report at the BOM meeting in Houston.