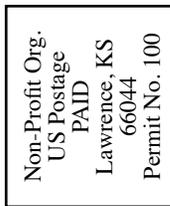


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Turnhalle News

Phase One Rehab to Begin

LPA has hired Dunfield Design (David Dunfield principal), to provide architectural design and project oversight for Phase One rehab work at Turnhalle, 900 Rhode Island. Assisting Dunfield will be David Vance of openhandesign, and Shawn McGarity as structural engineer.

Phase One work will address water infiltration and critical structural failures. These include new roofing, guttering, and downspouts, repair of failed components at door and window openings, replacement of failed sections of foundation walls and wood-framed bearing walls, and correction of at-grade drainage. These issues were identified in the recently completed Historic Structures Report as items needing immediate attention.

Most of the work is funded by a \$125,000 Natural and Cultural Heritage Program grant from the Douglas County Board of County Commissioners. The design team will also assist LPA in hiring a general contractor, with work expected to begin before the end of the year.

Basement Unfit for Occupancy

On August 27, 2013, City Codes Enforcement posted the basement level of Turnhalle as unfit for human occupancy, due to water infiltration and visible mold. The main hall of Turnhalle is not

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affected by the posting. The basement level had been the workspace of Free State Glass since April 1984. Free State Glass called the city and requested the action.

LPA was able to purchase Turnhalle in September of 2012 because the family that had owned it since 1938 had been notified that the property was no longer insurable without significant repairs. LPA saw Turnhalle as a structurally threatened historic building that was nearing the end of its useful life unless a major effort could be undertaken to save it. The discovery process by LPA and an architecture firm working with a structural engineer (completed in our first year of ownership), has not changed that initial diagnosis. What that investigative process has done is delineate and sequence each of the necessary repairs, and divide them into immediate and five-year plans. The immediate repairs are all connected to the issue of water infiltration.

Multiple infiltrations have been identified, particularly in the back frame addition. These are located at both the roof and ground levels, and multiple points in between. Some of these infiltrations will require structural repairs before the water can be redirected away from the building.

“Put a tarp on it, LPA!”

Even if a tarp could be devised to cover the entire addition, there would still not be a feasible interim

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method to move the water away from the structure. As the long-term demolition by neglect comes home to roost, the fact is that LPA was not one of the parties involved with the building's decline over the last several decades. Free State Glass, for many years, enjoyed below-market rents because of the substandard condition of the building. LPA has volunteered to lead the community out of this mess and is on pace to achieve its goals.

Once the Phase One Rehab is complete, Turnhalle will be stabilized and the City will lift its order for the basement level. While there will still be significant rehab work for a future owner to accomplish, the descent into deterioration will have been stopped. While LPA wishes we could have stepped onto the scene one year earlier which might have secured the Free State Glass workspace, the fact is that for Turnhalle, we have arrived not one moment too soon.

LPA Annual Meeting

Turnhalle, main level

Sunday, October 20

1:30 pm.

This year's Annual Meeting for LPA members (and anyone who wishes to join), will feature remarks at 1:45 pm. By Turnhalle Phase One project architect David Dunfield. David will give an overview of the scope of work to be performed, and be available to answer questions. We will also announce the new winners of our Preservation in Progress (PIP) Awards. After the presentation, a short business meeting for members only will be held.

Old House Warming

1734 Kent Terrace

1:30-3pm.

LPA members only

The next Old House Warming will take us to one of the earliest houses built within the current Lawrence city limits, but don't look for it in the downtown area. Kent Terrace is the modern street name that denotes the spot where Joseph Savage claimed 160 acres in Wakarusa Township and built a small, wood frame house in 1855. Joel Grover's claim bordered it to the west.

The original one-story structure measured 17' by 25', with a shingle roof, a door, and five windows. Construction began on May 1, 1855, and the move-in date was May 20. A later addition of a much larger stone farmhouse incorporated the original as the building's northwest section.

LPA members Jim and Shelley Hickman Clark have called this place home for a number of years, and have recently completed a number of structural repairs. Make plans to attend and learn more about the history of this early Lawrence residence.

How To Get There: From 23rd and Iowa streets go east one block to Ridge Court, then south two blocks to Kent Terrace, then east to 1734 (the second house).