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ASH Redesign Campus Historic Preservation Work Group
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 • 1:00-2:00pm • HDB 2.126

Agenda
1) Introductions
2) Project overview
3) Discussion of Co-Chair
4) Work Group goals
5) Timeline of recommendations

Attendees:
- Elizabeth Stauber – Co-Chair; Archivist and Records Manager at the Hogg Foundation for Mental Health
- Francela Williams – Hospital Planning Specialist at HHSC
- Bob Ward – Chair of Travis County Historical Commission
- Charlton Lewis – Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, UT Architecture
- Mary Kahle – Graduate Student, Community Member
- Sydney Harris – Director of Mental Health Care Redesign
- Alison Barajas – Executive Assistant for Sydney Harris

Minutes:

Introductions:
The group introduced themselves and provided some background information. Co-Chair provided additional detail on a team that is working on digitizing ASH records data, which she is a part of.

Project Overview:
A member reviewed the “Timeline” (see attached) which included the history of the project, highlights, and milestones along with a projected timeline for completion. The book Life at the Texas State Lunatic Asylum by Sarah Sitton was recommended as potential reading for this group.

Discussion of Co-Chair:
Co-Chair asked if anyone in the group was interested in being a Co-Chair. The group was provided a description of the position that included expectations and responsibilities. A member said she would consider. Another member stated if no one else volunteered she would be the Co-Chair.
Work Group Goals:
The group discussed current written goals and debated what should and should not be included in historic preservation (artifacts, buildings, the story of the campus, etc). The desire is for the group to review the current artifact inventory and provide a recommendation to HHSC about the historic value and potential preservation along with suggestions for sharing with the public and community. A member suggested the group take a “field trip” to the ASH campus during the next meeting to review the current inventory, which includes artifacts obtained by the archeology company on the project Baer. The group agreed and will host the next meeting at the ASH campus. A conceptual and geographical map was also suggested, to identify which entities held historical data and information. A member will be resending the goal descriptions out to the group for review. The group will then provide any suggestions for amendments to the current written goals. A member also discussed the Charter that will need to be reviewed but the group will need to confirm the written goals prior to the Charter being completed. Once completed it will need to be reviewed by the group and approved to be sent to the Steering Committee.

Timeline for recommendations:
This agenda item was not discussed due to the need for work group goals to be reviewed and potentially amended, which will directly affect what a timeline looks like.

Closing:
Items to be followed up on:
1) A member will arrange for the group to meet at ASH campus for the next meeting to review the current artifact inventory
2) A member will send the work group goals to the members for review and suggested amendments
3) Two members will speak with current ASH Superintendent for more information old documents
4) A member will check with the Travis County Archivist to see if they have any information regarding ASH
5) A member will provide a copy of her research paper for the group to read