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## Preservation Task Force Update

The Preservation Task Force is underway and has had four meetings to date. The first few meetings focused on the task force purpose, overview of the current City of Dallas Historic Preservation Program, economic incentives in the City Development Code, and the preservation status of the Dallas Downtown National Register Historic District. There was also a special presentation by Robin McCaffrey about the preservation movement from strategy to objective and finding its way back. Robin also talked about many of the early preservation efforts in the city and how those were accomplished.

A "north star" goal has also been established by the task force to guide future discussions. The goal is "how to protect the historic fabric of downtown while encouraging development." The task force will look at striking a balance between the two important goals of preservation and development considering what is good public policy, best practices to achieve preservation, program capacity, and advocacy mechanisms. Currently the task force is looking at other cities such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Denver, San Antonio, and Austin to investigate best practices of historic preservation programs and development incentives. The task force will continue to meet through March and then present the recommendations to the City Council.

Click on the links below for the minutes from the first three meetings:

[Task Force Minutes 1-21-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 1-28-15](#)

[Task Force Minutes 2-4-15](#)

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## Congratulations to the 2015 Winners...

Davy Crockett Elementary School  
Kiest Park Pergola  
Dallas Farmers Market - The Shed  
5526 Tremont Street  
5215 Milam  
6915 Lakewood Boulevard  
1007 Fort Worth Avenue

There are some outstanding projects this year representing a diverse range of redevelopment efforts preserving historic buildings and places around the city. These efforts will be highlighted at the 16th Annual Preservation Achievement Awards on Wednesday, April 8. The Awards Committee invites you to attend the ceremony and reception at the historic Scottish Rite Cathedral. This year's awards will also include a special tribute to the Swiss Avenue Historic District along with special recognition awards for people and organizations involved in preserving our city's historic places. For more information or to purchase tickets click [here](#).

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### Corporate Partner Spotlight: WDG Architecture

WDG provides architecture, master planning and interior design through their offices in Washington, DC and Dallas. Their renovation and adaptive-reuse experience is rich and varied. The firm has led full rehabs, as well as targeted interventions including



modernizing building systems, developing new space plans and integrating advanced glazing technologies. From preserving a historic structure's essential character to making major structural changes and repositioning obsolete buildings, WDG has proven up to the task. Their approach is built on an appreciation for context and considerations of architectural continuity, or alternatively, on creating a new architectural language to enliven outmoded or disused buildings and spaces.

Understanding the importance of reusing existing structures is the ultimate in sustainable building. WDG's renovations often include "green" technologies and pursue LEED certification. Their historic preservation experience includes the adaptive reuse of the former Tandy Center in Fort Worth and the design for the redevelopment of the Historic Dallas High School.

They are currently working on Gables McKinney Avenue, which will include townhomes that complement the Queen Anne style of the State Thomas Historic District. Nationally, WDG has sensitively updated and adapted structures such as the 1920s former headquarters of the Southern Railway and most recently the Old Post Office Pavilion, both in Washington, DC.



Preservation Dallas appreciates the support of WDG and looks forward to their continuing efforts to protect and enhance the historic quality of our city.

## Preservation Issues

**Lakewood Theater** - A coalition of the neighborhood groups from around the Lakewood Theater and Preservation Dallas have continued to meet to look at options to help make the theater more viable for a new tenant. The previous tenant moved out in January. However, the Balcony Club is staying as they have renewed their lease for another year. A representative from the coalition and the Preservation Dallas executive director have met a second time with the owners this week to continue the conversation about possible tenants, parking alternatives, economic incentives for the theater, etc. The building is not a City of Dallas Landmark so there are no protections from exterior alterations to the building or demolition. The owners have repeatedly said that they have no intention of demolishing the landmark building. Bill Willingham, one of the owners, met with the Lakewood Neighborhood Association in January to discuss the theater and answer questions. To read about the meeting and the answers to questions click [here](#).

**Fair Park** - The [Mayor's Task Force Plan](#) completed last fall has now made its way to the Park and Recreation Board for review after a series of public presentations the end of last year. The plan has three major recommendations, each with several strategies. The recommendations include:

1. Enhance access and connectivity with community and the city
2. Establish a community park on south side of Fair Park
3. Empower new organization as operational and marketing authority for Fair Park

The Park Board will be voting on each of the recommendations and strategies online this week. At the next Park Board meeting on the 19th the results will be presented from the voting and discussed. At the meeting the board will also consider forwarding recommendations from the plan on to City Council. The public is allowed to attend the meeting, although public comment is limited to the beginning of the meeting and only for three minutes a person.

Preservation Dallas spoke at the last meeting to remind the Park Board of the historic importance of Fair Park and its significance revolving around architecture, fair grounds, urban planning, and art. All of these have made the park a National Historic Landmark. We only have two in the Dallas city limits and the other is Dealey Plaza. Preservation Dallas also believes that the parking garages proposed to be built between Second and Cullum would serve as a visual and physical barrier to the park along with blocking the view of the historic buildings.

To view the Mayor's Task Force Plan click [here](#).

There is also another plan for Fair Park prepared by Antonio DiMambro + Associates, P.C. The plan has been presented to several elected officials and staff at City Hall. Preservation Dallas is not supportive of the plan as it calls for radical changes to Fair Park, including reducing the size of the State Fair to fit in a smaller portion of the park, altering historic buildings for a community college or retail use, and redeveloping properties outside of the edge of the park. Preservation Dallas is not in support of this plan as it will jeopardize the historic significance and designation of Fair Park. To view the DiMambro Plan click: [Part 1](#), [Part 2](#), [Part 3](#).

## Director's Letter

### *David Preziosi*

Preservation Dallas staff, board members, and education committee members have been busy getting ready for the upcoming exhibit at the Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture focusing on the architectural styles of Dallas. The exhibit will cover everything from early log-cabins to the Brutalist style City Hall. Text, photos, and architectural elements will be used to help define the different styles and educate the public about the historic architecture spread throughout the city. Noah Jeppson is designing the exhibit for us.

This project has fallen under the auspices of the Education Committee and they have done a great deal of work on the exhibit under the leadership of Nicky DeFreece Emery. In the process of putting together the exhibit the committee has researched the different styles, put together descriptions for each style, and selected examples that best showcase each style. This project has actually been underway since last year with our summer intern who worked on categorizing the architectural styles in Dallas and looking for examples to use in the exhibit.

The exhibit will open March 4 and run through June 8. Preservation Dallas members and special guests will be able to view the exhibit at a special opening reception on Thursday, March 5 from 6 to 8pm. We hope you can join us for the opening!

The exhibit is made possible by grants from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities; the Fondren Fund for Texas of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; and The Summerlee Foundation.

## Events

**Dallas Architecture Forum Panel Discussion**  
**Traditional Architecture - How Does it Fit in our Modern World?**  
**TUESDAY | February 17 | 6:30 p.m. | Dallas Center for Architecture, 1909**

### **Woodall Rodgers, Suite 100**

The hard truth is that "Traditionalism" is difficult to do well. Does Traditionalism offer "timelessness" because its tenets are proven? Or does it anchor our society to outdated concepts and values? Is there a place for traditional design in our modern world? Join us for an educational and thought-provoking discussion on how well-designed traditional architecture should co-exist with contemporary urbanism.

This Panel will be moderated by John Allender, AIA, Principal at ARCHITEXAS. The Panelists will be Mark Lamster, Architecture Critic for the Dallas Morning News and faculty member at the David Dillon Center/UTA School of Architecture, Wilson Fuqua, AIA, Principal of J. Wilson Fuqua & Associates Architect, and Stanley O. Graves, FAIA, Senior Principal of the ARCHITEXAS office in Austin.

This panel is presented jointly by the Dallas Architectural Forum and Preservation Dallas. Free admission, no reservations necessary, and open to the public. AIA members may earn 1.5 CE credits for attending this panel.

### **Lunch N Learn**

**TUESDAY | February 24 | Noon | Wilson Carriage House**

Learn how mineral silicate finishes penetrate and chemically bond with concrete and masonry surfaces to provide decades of lasting protection that will never peel, blister or fade. See this longevity demonstrated across the globe in iconic and venerable historic projects. In addition, silicate finishes are extremely vapor permeable and contain 100% natural ingredients, contain no to low VOC's to make them the "original" green and sustainable coatings choice.

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AIA members earn one HSW credit

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### **InTown Outing: van Enter Studios**

**WEDNESDAY | February 25 | 6 p.m. | 1415 Fairview, Dallas 75223**

For fine art conservator Michael van Enter and his professional studio team, the conservation of significant elements such as the Octavio Medellin stained glass (Trinity Lutheran Church), the Millard Sheets mosaics (Mercantile Building) and the Jack Lubin mural (Statler Hilton) are business as usual. Join us as we learn about this 2006 Preservation Dallas Craftsmanship Award recipient's work spaces and see current projects.

#### **REGISTRATION**

Admission is free for members, \$20 for non-members and reservations are required. Please R.S.V.P. by [email](#) or by calling 214-821-3290.

### **McAdams Cemetery cleanup**

**SATURDAY | February 28 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. | 409 Guthrie Street, Dallas 75224**

Let's join the Old Oak Cliff Conservation League in their efforts to clean up the McAdams Family Cemetery. Established in 1892, the McAdams family farm provided the land for Wynnewood. Although it is a designated Texas Historic Cemetery, its future is uncertain because of TXDOT's proposed highway expansion know as The Southern Gateway featuring toll lanes in Oak Cliff. OOCCL needs volunteers with

weed eaters, loppers, saws and chain saws to help clean it up. For more information go [OOCCL.org](http://OOCCL.org). [Email](#) if you can participate.

## Historic House Specialist seminar

**THURSDAY and FRIDAY | March 19-20 | Wilson Carriage House**

Become an authority of historic Dallas neighborhoods! This popular two-day seminar includes lectures from local experts on architectural history and styles of Dallas, the preservation ordinance, property tax incentives, how to research the history of a building, a tour of our historic neighborhoods, and more! Participants receive a signed copy of Virginia McAlester's Field Guide to American Houses and a complimentary one year membership to Preservation Dallas. Don't delay! Enrollment is limited to 23 people. The previous sessions were sold out with a wait list!

The workshop is \$230 and includes lunch on both days. Realtors will receive 8 hours MCE credit. Contact MetroTex Association of REALTORS at 214-540-2751, go [online](#) or mail the [form](#) with a check to MetroTex.

## Exhibit: "The Architectural Styles of Dallas"

**March 4 - June 8 | Old Red Museum of Dallas County History and Culture**

What's the difference between the Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles of architecture? What are the hallmarks of the Tudor Revival style? Preservation Dallas will answer these questions and more in a temporary exhibit which will identify and explain the prevalent architectural styles in Dallas and their characteristics. Iconic architecture in Dallas, from Old Red to the Statler Hilton will be used to illustrate different periods of architectural development in the city. Historic architecture is diverse and fascinating and this exhibit will bring to life through photographs and architectural elements the impressive history of architecture in Dallas. Preservation Dallas members receive half-price tickets to view the exhibit. Mention you are a member at the museum ticket desk to receive the discount. Click [here](#) to go to the Old Red website for more information.

## New Members

### Urban Armadillos

Brittany Allcorn

Cameron Colvill

### Double

Bill Gardner

Julie Jodie

### Contributor

Eric Wall

Welcome and thank you to our new members!

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