



Quality of Life Committee

The Heritage Society and City of Houston
Amended and Restated Lease Agreement

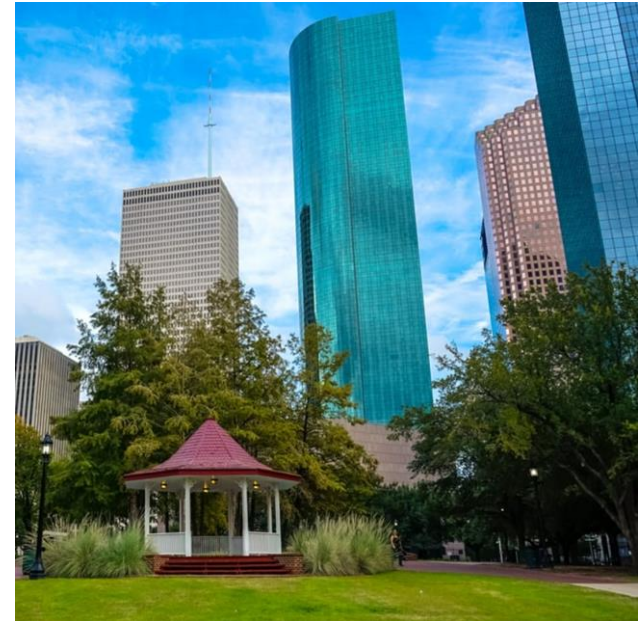
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A Historic Partnership – 68 Years

- Sam Houston Park
 - Acquired 1899
 - The City's first municipal park
 - Site of Houston's first zoo
- Kellum-Noble House
 - Built in 1847
 - Oldest house on original property
 - First Parks Department headquarters
- The Heritage Society
 - Founded in 1954 to save Kellum-Noble House



The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park



10 Historic and New Buildings

- Kellum-Noble House
- Museum Gallery
- Old Place
- St. John Church
- Yates House
- Baker Family Playhouse
- Nichols-Rice-Cherry House
- Fourth Ward Cottage
- Staiti House
- Pillot House



The Heritage Society at Sam Houston Park



- First lease agreement 1964
- Last lease agreement in 2009
 - City ownership of buildings
 - THS maintain and conserve historic buildings and content
 - HPARD provide electrical, plumbing, carpentry
 - HPARD maintains grounds, trees, fountains, and flower beds
- Proposed restated and amended lease agreement
 - HPARD maintain and conserve historic buildings & grounds
 - THS maintain and preserve historic artifacts
 - The Heritage Society hosts programs, tours, lectures, exhibits
 - The Heritage Society preserves & promotes Houston's history

Why restate the agreement between the City and THS?



- The lease was last updated in 2009.
- Since that time numerous fiscal challenges have confronted the City, THS, and the local economy.
- The lease is realigning responsibilities to allow the City to better maintain the historic buildings, and to better position THS for philanthropic and fundraising support to keep this important partnership thriving into the future.

What changes are being made to the agreement?



- The lease agreement will be extended for another 30 years.
- The City will take over the full responsibility to maintain the City owned buildings.
- THS will provide the City with 3% of net profits generated from rentals, fees, and concessions generated at Sam Houston Park to help maintain the structures.
- The Mayor's Office for Special Events, which hosts many important civic events in Sam Houston Park, will continue to coordinate with THS to ensure success for city events as well as THS programming and activities.

How will the historic structures be maintained?



- Sam Houston Park was annexed into the Fourth Ward TIRZ by Council approval in December 2020.
- Beginning in FY2023, there will be an increment available to help maintain the historic homes in Sam Houston Park.
- The annual cost of maintaining the homes is approximately \$350,000 per year.
 - The interlocal agreement between TIRZ 14 and the City will be brought to Council by April 1st with funding defined by the TIRZ.
 - Additional long-term funding may also be needed, and we will look for collaboration between the City and THS.

The Heritage Society: 2022 and Beyond



Building Projects

- 1847 Kellum Noble House
- Herzstein Museum Gallery
- 1868 Pillot House
- Other





The Heritage Society: 2022 and Beyond

Programs and Events

- Delivery and Metrics
- Volunteers
- Technology and Online
- Free Programming and Charity
- Fundraising Events
- Holiday Celebrations
- Exhibits



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September 24 - November 6, 2022, Citywide





The Heritage Society: 2022 and Beyond

Diversity

- Statistics
- African-American
- Hispanic
- Women



The Heritage Society: 2022 and Beyond



Strategic Planning and Execution

- Strategic Planning Committee
- Professional Consultants
- Partnerships, Collaborations, and Community Building Projects
- Marketing and Media Results
- Texas Association of Museums Finding Alternative Futures 2
- Community Interest Survey



Thank You! Questions?

