

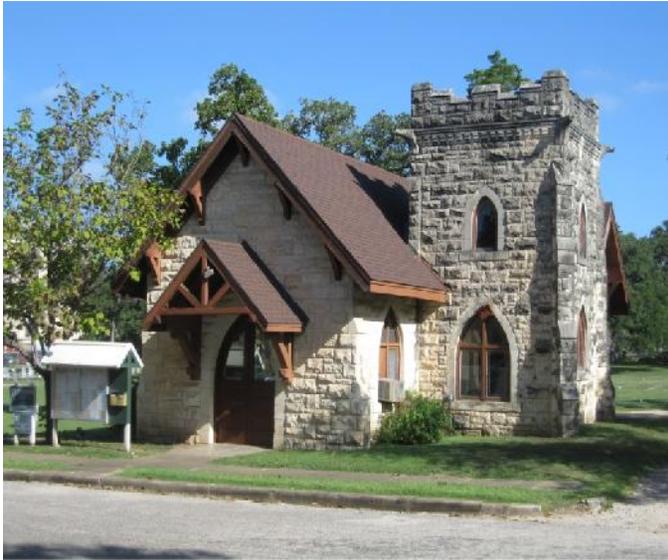
Oakwood Cemetery  
Chapel Restoration Project

Parks and Recreation Board Briefing

May 22, 2012

# Oakwood Chapel History

- Built in 1914
- Designed by Architect Charles H. Page as a place to hold non-denominational memorial services and temporary interments
- The chapel was used for about 10-15 years before it fell out of fashion due to the rise in popularity of funeral homes
- It is currently used as office/storage space
- The condition of the chapel has deteriorated
- In order to return the chapel to a stable and standard condition, the building needs extensive, historically appropriate, repair/replacement work to the foundation, walls, roof, and windows



Cathedral Chapel



Homesite

Madison County Chapel Renovation  
11/15/2023 10:00 AM

# Project Partner and Proposal

- Founded in 2004, Save Austin's Cemeteries (SAC) is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving historic cemeteries in Austin
- Long-standing partner with PARD
- PARD does not have funding to restore the chapel
- SAC Proposal: Fund & Implement Oakwood Cemetery Chapel Restoration

# Project Proposal

- Project Cost Estimate: \$600,000
- Stakeholder meeting held in 2011 and there is community support to restore the chapel
- The project to be completed with private funding

# Next Steps

1. Negotiate and execute an agreement with SAC for the restoration project
2. SAC will:
  - Initiate a fundraising campaign to raise funds needed for project (approx. \$600k)
  - Pay for and complete the project under PARD oversight
3. PARD will:
  - Provide oversight of the project
  - Review and approve the project at each step including:
    - Concept plan
    - Final design plan
    - Historic Landmark Commission approval
    - Construction documents