

MEMORANDUM

TO: Parks Board

FROM: Jesus M. Olivares, Deputy Director
Parks and Recreation Department

DATE: March 26, 1996

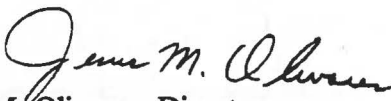
SUBJECT: Norwood Estate

In response to the Board's request for follow-up on the Norwood Estate, I have the following information.

The agreement between the City and the Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas, commits the Chamber to a phased schedule of improvements which will eventually result in relocation of the house, restoration of the house and grounds, and creation of a sculpture garden dedicated to noteworthy Texas women.

As you may be aware, the contract with Women's Chamber is for five years beginning October 1994 and requires completion of all phases by the dates indicated in the contract. Phase One involved an historical report specifying house relocation procedures. This phase was completed prior to the September 30, 1995 deadline. Phase Two of the project requires relocation of the house by September 30, 1996. The cost of relocation is approximately \$60,000. Fund raising efforts are under way. Staff has informally attempted to determine the amount of funds already raised, but has been unable to do so at this time. The Department will pursue obtaining a financial statement as we get closer to the September 30, 1996 deadline. Prior to relocation, the Chamber must submit plans to PARD for approval.

The original estimate by the Women's Chamber to complete the entire project is \$600,000. Since we are still obligated under contract with the Women's Chamber, the Department has not pursued any plans for a change in use.


Jesus M. Olivares, Director
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April 3, 1996

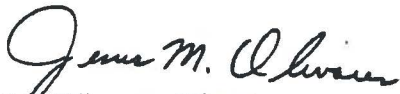
Bea Fincher, Chair
Norwood House Task Force
Women's Chamber of Commerce of Texas
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Dear Ms. Fincher:

At the last two meetings of the Parks Board, information was requested regarding the progress of the Norwood Estate renovation project. Specifically, the Women's Chamber of Commerce fund raising progress for Phase Two. The Board has requested a copy of the financial statement for the project. As per the agreement between our two parties, please forward a copy of your statement by June 1, 1996. The Norwood project will be placed on the agenda on June 10, 1996 as an item for update. I would welcome the presence of yourself or a representative. If you would like to make a formal presentation, we will place it on the agenda. Please call Kimberley Jamail Mitchell at 499-6743 prior to June 1, and let her know if you would like to do this.

I look forward to a continued, successful partnership with the Women's Chamber on this project.

Sincerely,



Jesus M. Olivares, Director
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