

PRESS RELEASE

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BELLVILLE TURNVEREIN PAVILION RESTORATION PROJECT

NPS Grant Funding Getting Close for Turnverein Restoration!

Tom Barron, President of the Bellville Turnverein Pavilion Restoration Project announced that the Subgrant Agreement covering the \$248,161 National Park Service grant awarded to the Restoration Project was executed March 25th. The Agreement with the Texas Historical Commission, specifies the terms and conditions of the reimbursable grant. The THC is administering the grant for the NPS.

Remaining to be executed is a historic Easement granted by the City of Bellville, the owner of the hall, and the Restoration Project, the lessee, to the THC. Essentially, both parties agree to maintain the hall in its final, restored condition for the next 20 years. Execution of the Easement is pending the completion of a survey of the hall by A-Surveys which should be finalized in the next two weeks.

Concurrent with the survey, Lisa Hart, the THC Program Coordinator, is reviewing cost documentation supplied by the Restoration Project covering incurred costs to support the \$248,161 reimbursement. These costs represent work done December 2019-May 2020. In May 2020, work was suspended in anticipation of receiving funding on the NPS grant needed to complete the project. Ms. Hart also hopes to complete her review in the next two weeks.

With the execution of the Easement and approval of the cost submittal, the Restoration Project should receive the grant funds by early June allowing it to resume work on the restoration. Depending on equipment, material, and contractor availability, Mr. Barron is hopeful the restoration will be completed in the third quarter 2021.

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