Multipurpose Performing Art and Entertainment Center

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Legal Update

MPC Related Lawsuits

1205 Lawsuit (filed May 2, 2017)

Antiquities
Code
Lawsuit
(filed July 31, 2017)

Initiative Lawsuit

(filed June 12,2018)

Appeal – 1205

3COA (Austin)

Pending Ruling

Appeal –
Antiquities Code

2COA (Ft. Worth)
Appeal Dismissed &
Remanded to Trial Ct.
384th

Writs of Mandamus

TXSC – Denied. 4COA (San Antonio) – Denied. Trial Ct. 171st -Pending

1205 Lawsuit – Recent Updates

- (1)September 12, 2018 Oral Arguments: Wallace Jefferson presented arguments on behalf of the City.
- (2)October 2, 2018 Cross-Appellants filed Post Submission Brief: Cross-Appellants (Antonia Flores Morales, et. al.) filed a post-submission brief.
- (3)October 4, 2018 City filed Motion for Leave to file a Post-Submission Brief: Brief addressed status of Antiquities Code Lawsuit.
- Final opinion may take up to 6 months. After opinion is issued, either party may petition TSCS for review.

Antiquities Code Lawsuit - Recent Updates

The 2COA dismissed the appeal and remanded to Trial Ct. Litigation resumes at the trial level, with Hon. Judge Patrick Garcia, of the 384th Dist. Ct.

The City has filed the following motions:

- (1) **September 27, 2018 Status Report**: Detailing City's coordination and compliance with the THC.
- (2) September 27, 2018 Motion to Dissolve Temporary Agreed Order.
- (3) October 4, 2018 Plea to the Jurisdiction with Respect to Plaintiff's Declaratory Judgment Cause of Action.

Two Writs of Mandamus (Initiative Petition)

Original Mandamus Proceeding

In Re Max Grossman (Case No. 04-18-00572-CV)

Originally Filed 08/10/18 – 8COA Transferred on 08/15/18- 4COA

Original Mandamus Proceeding

In Re Max Grossman (Cause No. 18-0774)

Filed 08/20/18 - TXSC



COA4 Denied Writ on August 16, 2018



TXSC Denied Writ on August 27, 2018

Matter is now pending in the trial court, 171st Dist. Ct., Hon. Judge Rangel

Project History

- Purpose and need
- Alternatives
- Resources and Mitigating Impacts

Background

Inclusion for over 17 years

Site Assessment

- Multiple studies conducted
- Transparency to the community on the downtown location as the site
- 2001 CH Johnson Report "Arena and Sports Complex Feasibility"
- 2006 Community Meetings for El Paso Downtown 2015 Plan

2012 Quality of Life Bond

- 72% voters in favor of Bond issuance
- Public outreach 2014
 Campaign from
 February-July
- Ordinance sited downtown as the location for the center

Project Timeline

1996-2006

- "Arena and Sports Complex Feasibility" CH Johnson report 2001
- El Paso Downtown Plan 2006
- 4 Community meetings for El Paso Downtown 2015 Plan



Site A: Civic Center Site

This afte has great access to intenstate 10 but is detached from the current downtown and future downtown development. The sits is also too small to accommodate the prototype arena footprint and any ancillary development such as parking structures or major plazas. A smaller arena, in the range of 10,000 to 12,000 person capacity, could fit on the site. If the CWic Center functions were relocated this site might better serve as a future hotel site to support the convention center and arena



Site B: Leon and Santa Fe Streets

The sits is in the Union Plaza area which has recordly received extensive streetscape improvements and a new parking structure. This sits is adjacent to existing downtown retail and commercial areas and would serve as a terminus to the proposed First Street extension. It also is just adjacent to the esting Convention Center and downtown hotels. The site covers a four block area which is currently a combination of vacant lots, warehouses, and some commercial and residential uses. As shown, the new Detrict 11 Fre Station is integrated into the set lept 12.



Site C: Triangle below Paisano

This sits is currently vacant and adjacent to the extensive Union Rail Yards tils triangular shape fits the arena footprint but poses issues for parking structures or other structures. It has both good whicular access to Paisano Dive and is yet bisected from Downtown by this major east west boulevard. The International Bus Terminal is currently proposed for part of this sits adjacent to Sante Fe Street.

Arena Location Comparative Matrix	Site Size	Vehicular Access	Pedestrian Access	Relationship to Downtown	Relationship to Existing Conven- tion Facilities	Displacement of Existing Uses	On-Site Parking Accommodation		Parcel Availability	Hotel Accessibility	Retail/ Entertainment Use Potential
Site A: Civic Center Site	Poor	Excellent	Poor	Poor	Fair	Fair	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Fair	Poor
Site B: Leon and Sante Fe	Good	Good	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent	Fair/Poor	Fair	Excellent	Fair/Poor	Excellent	Excellent
Site C: Triangle below Paisano	Excellent	Good	Poor	Fair	Poor	Excellent	Good	Fair	Excellent	Fair	Fair

El Paso Downtown 2015 Plan (2006)

Project Timeline

2006-2012

- Plan El Paso 2012
- May action on proposed bond election.
- June Presentation of the Downtown Sports Complex Study
- August City Council approves ordinance calling for bond election
- November Quality of Life bond proposal approved

Project Timeline

2014-2016

- HKS engaged to initiate site selection
- 9 community project briefings
- City Council and BOAC presentations, CPC agenda, Executive Session at Council, HLC Briefing
- Council selects Union Plaza as the site for the MPC

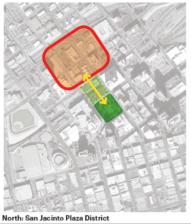
Sites and Property Costs

4 Sites Considered as options

Union Plaza (Cultural), Initial
Estimate: \$13-21 M
RR Property (Civic), Initial
Estimate: \$18M plus costs to
relocate City 3/4

Total Cost for Acquisition to Date: \$12M +/-









		Civic	San Jacinto	Shopping	Cultural
Chance to make a special place in the city	Value of the land (cost vs. return)		+	-	
	Required street closings	+	-		+
	Build on assets	-		+	+
	Create a district	-			+
	Build on other investments	-		+	+
	Work with other venues / activities			+	+
Recognizable and convenient access	Visibility from approaches to City	+	+		-
	Accessibility by public transport		+	+	+
	Served by trolley	+	+		+
	Highway access	+	+		+
	Available parking	+	+		+
	TOTAL	+2	+5	+3	(10)

HKS Study

Culture: By far the most valuable ingredient of a vibrant district

Property Costs

Property	Acquisition cost			
215 W Paisano	\$	2,188,550.00		
220 Overland	\$	598,500.00		
216 Overland	\$	412,925.00		
308 Chihuahua 312 Chihuahua		\$ 985,025.00		
305 Chihuahua	\$	315,000.00		
309 Chihuahua	\$	180,000.00		
315 Chihuahua	\$	315,000.00		
321 Chihuahua	\$	270,000.00		
325 Chihuahua	\$	160,000.00		
301 W Paisano	\$	1,067,850.00		
224 Overland	\$	262,900.00		
212 Overland	\$	855,000.00		
307 Santa Fe	\$	1,527,550.00		
309 Santa Fe	\$	832,000.00		
325 Santa Fe	\$	1,292,000.00		
306 Overland**	\$	462,000.00		
Chihuahua Private alley	\$	12,000.00		
TOTAL	\$	11,736,300.00		

Note: Parcel purchase price only does not include: relocation for property owner, relocation of tenants, closing costs

**311 Chihuahua parking and access easement included in purchase of 306 Overland



Recording our History

- Union Plaza
- Historic American Building Surveys
- Existing Conditions

Required Treatments

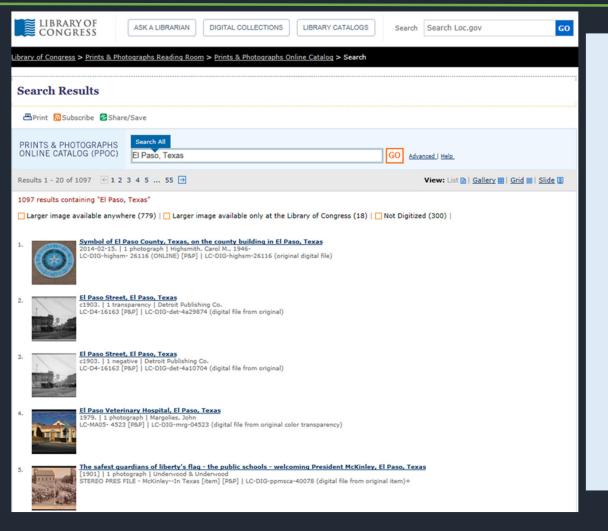
- •The MPC footprint is within the Union Plaza District (U-P), established by a zoning act – and requires administrative review for alterations and new construction
- •There are no other requirements, for treatment of the MPC footprint buildings, imposed upon the City by any federal state or local regulations



Elective Treatment: Building Surveys

- •The Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) was established to create a national archive of architectural heritage
- **HABS** work in the MPC is **not** required by local, state, or federal regulations, but the National Park Service welcomes records for any structures of historic interest as long as the documentation meets the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Architectural and Engineering Documentation
- **HABS** work is required when a property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, in order to mitigate for alterations or demolition

Elective Treatment: Building Surveys



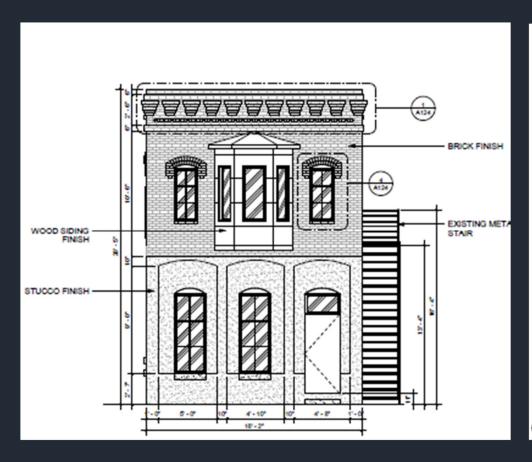
HABS records become a part of a permanent, searchable Library of Congress database.

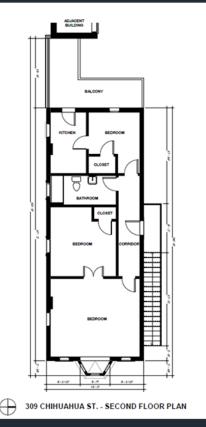
HABS is a preservation strategy
– and uses historical records,
architectural and structural
surveying, photography and
measured drawings to record a
building.

Eight structures within the footprint are being surveyed for inclusion in the National Park Service's HABS Archives:

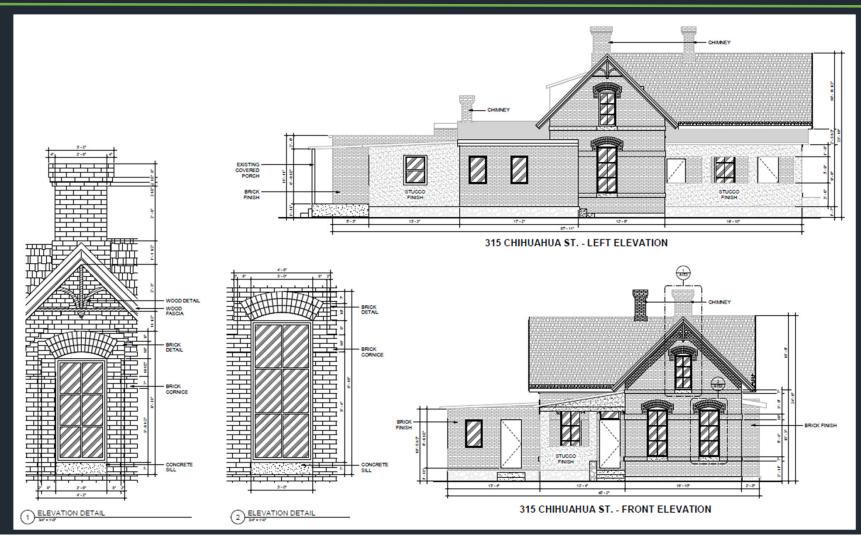
- 212 and 306 Overland
- 300 and 305 Chihuahua
- 309 Chihuahua
- 315 Chihuahua
- 325 Chihuahua
- 215 Paisano



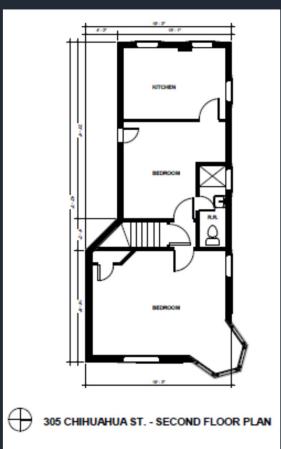












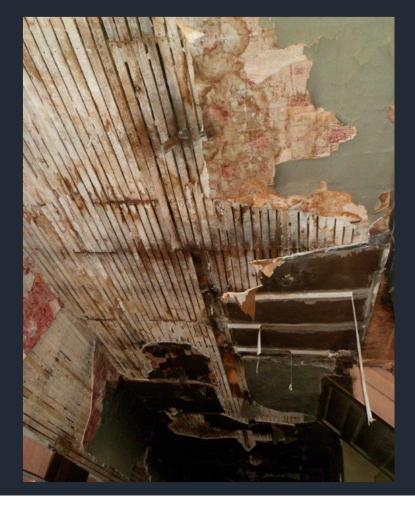
306 Overland "The Mansion"

Of 22 parcels in the MPC footprint, 18 are structures, most of these in demolition-byneglect after decades of vacancy and deferred maintenance.





306 Overland "The Mansion"

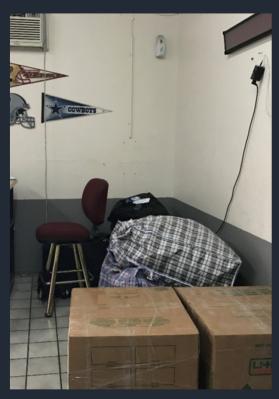




325 Santa Fe







212 Overland "The Chinese Laundry"







Properties within the MPC Footprint

49% of the total footprint area is composed of open lots or parking surface











Proposed Entertainment District



Next Steps

Archaeology Work

Archeology

- Secure the site with Permanent Fencing and Cameras
- Moore to conduct field investigations under Permit 8525 received 10-15-18
 - Phase I Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR)
 - Phase II Mechanical Survey (excavation) of Footprint area

Phase 1: GPR

- Field Investigations will occur where the pavement surface is available initially and will be repeated as new areas are made accessible. This will continue until all areas that will be impacted by the MPC have been examined
- Interim Report
- Develop excavation locations

Phase 2: Mechanical - Excavation

- •GPR Results will dictate Mechanical Survey Exploratory trenches
- Area excavations to identify features
- •Map and assess features for research potential
- •Manual Excavation Limited to those features determined significant
- •Artifacts found will collected, cleaned, restored, modeled electronically in 3-d, made available for researchers, public and interested parties
- Preservation is achieved by displaying these artifacts in local museums or even within the gallery of the new MPC and through interpretive signage

Motion

- December 6, 2016: Following motion was taken regarding the MPC design:
 - Motion made by Representative Svarzbein, seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore Noe, and carried to
 - DIRECT City staff to add urban design and historical preservation design elements into procurement review criteria for firm selection and design;
 - after firm is selected, direct firm to incorporate new urban design as defined by residential, commercial, and small and ground floor retail uses and historical features and
 - to DIRECT the City Manager to incorporate new urban design and historic preservation features in the ongoing design and procurement qualifications for the 2012 Signature Project-Multipurpose Arena

Overlay



Pinnacle Bank Arena Lincoln, NE Opened August 2013

Summary

- I. Deliver the wishes of the Voters
 - I. Archaeology
- II. Work with legal to establish a timeline for the Solicitations
- III. Time is of the Essence

Thank you