



Brick Paver Fundraiser to benefit The Queen

Plans are moving ahead for the renovation of the historic Queen Theatre on Main Street in Downtown Bryan. While a number of local contractors have or will donate materials and labor for this project, bringing the building to completion will require a substantial financial investment. To date, private donations have constituted the majority of the funds raised. The Downtown Bryan Association Board of Trustees has authorized staff to proceed with a fundraising effort that will move the Queen project forward.

The DBA proposes to begin a charitable giving brick fundraiser for the Queen. Brick paver fundraisers are a common way to generate charitable donations from those who have an interest in a project and are willing to make a low to mid-level donation toward the effort. We are requesting approval for the brick pavers to be installed in sidewalk in front of the 30' wide Queen Building and in the center median between 26th street on the North and 27th street on the South. No changes will be made in the existing graphic designs. Existing red brick will be replaced with matching red brick and existing gray brick will be replaced with matching gray brick. No other color of brick will be replaced with engraved brick. No brick which are currently used within cross-walks at the end of the block nor within handicapped access provisions will be disturbed. Approximately 2,000 pavers are currently within this area, and could be replaced with engraved pavers sold by the DBA. The engraved bricks are of identical size, color and material as the existing bricks, which would be removed and replaced with the engraved bricks.

Timeline

May 2015 - Submit proposal to City of Bryan for approval
June 2015 - Begin fundraiser involved in the brick program
August 2015 - Conclude first portion of fundraising for the brick program
Sept. 2015 - Install first group of bricks

Brick will, in most cases, be installed in groups of 25 to 100 at a time. City representatives will be notified any time installations are taking place. This will be an ongoing program for several years as long as the citizens of Bryan continue to request engraved brick.

Engraving Guidelines

Engraved bricks may include the name of the fundraiser, "Save The Queen" , with or without the Queen crown logo; and the name of the donor, only, no messages. The Donor will be the name of entity making the donation. However, donations may be made in the name of third parties.

DBA Responsibility

The Downtown Bryan Association will be responsible for removing existing bricks and installing engraved brick. City representatives will be notified any time installations are taking place. DBA will allow the City of Bryan Public Works Department to be involved to whatever extent that they may want to in order to be satisfied and comfortable with the quality of the installations. Existing bricks that are replaced with engraved bricks will be returned to the City for storage and/or use in other projects.