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**Restoring the Historic Bastrop County Jail: A Testament to Historic Preservation**



Bastrop, Texas – July 17, 2023 - The Texas Historical Commission and the National Park Service have announced their partial funding and support for the restoration of the iconic Historic Bastrop County Jail. This project aims to make repairs to the jail which was damaged during Hurricane Harvey and breathe new life into the jail's interior and exterior, while preserving its historical significance for future generations to appreciate. The repairs, upgrades and restorations will ensure the jail remains an emblem of the past while serving the needs of the present.

Historic preservation is vital in allowing us to connect with our city's legacy and understand the roots from which we have grown. The extensive repairs of the Historic Bastrop County Jail serves as a testament to this crucial endeavor. Through the collaboration between the Texas Historical Commission, the National Park Service, and dedicated restoration experts, the jail will be revitalized, showcasing its original architectural features and materials.

The exterior scope of work encompasses vital elements such as utility service upgrades, replacement sidewalks, landscaping enhancements, and brick masonry restoration. Concurrently, the interior restoration will focus on preserving the jail's original finishes, while incorporating new systems to accommodate Bastrop County operations and functions and improve accessibility. The introduction of ADA-compliant restrooms and a platform lift ensures the historic facility becomes inclusive and accessible to all.

"The restoration of the Historic Bastrop County Jail represents a commitment to sustaining our cultural heritage," stated City of Bastrop Mayor Lyle Nelson. "By preserving and revitalizing historic structures, we not only honor our past but also create spaces that contribute to the enrichment and education of our community."

The completion of the Historic Bastrop County Jail restoration project will not only serve as a testament to the dedication and expertise of those involved but also as a beacon of historic preservation for the entire region. As the project progresses, the community eagerly anticipates the return of this treasured landmark, where the past and present converge.

On July 19, 2023, the City of Bastrop will conduct a public hearing to consider action on a Certificate of Appropriateness for the exterior repairs of the Bastrop County Jailhouse. The public is invited to attend to learn more about the project and participate in the public hearing by submitting written or oral comments.

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The Mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide efficient and proactive services that enhance our quality of life and achieve our vision.

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