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## Larger than Life, and Twice the History!

**Statue of Bastrop Founders, Stephen F. Austin and Baron de Bastrop, proposed to City Council**



**Bastrop, April 26, 2019.** On Tuesday evening, the Bastrop City Council unanimously approved a resolution regarding the commission of a sculpture depicting Stephen F. Austin and the City's often maligned but beloved namesake, The Baron de Bastrop. Presented to Council by the Baron de Bastrop Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas after an initial proposal to the Bastrop Art in Public Places Board, the 9-foot tall sculpture is to be cast in bronze locally at Deep in the Heart Art Foundry. Owner Clint Howard also designed this fantastic piece soon to be offering a Texas-friendly greeting to visitors from far and wide, initially proposed from the front lawn of City Hall.

Vickie Rose, Historian for the local Daughters of the Republic of Texas Chapter, informed Council and citizens that they would not only manage the project but would handle raising funds for it as well. After completion, the City would assume ownership and the obligation to maintain the piece. The City will draft a Letter of Intent documenting the City's support of the project and acceptance of the sculptures when complete.

Though the recommendation is for an initial install at City Hall, City Manager Lynda Humble expressed thoughts of a future placement. "As we work toward preserving the bridge and having a public park, there may be an opportunity to really display it," she said. So be on the lookout to catch a glimpse of these two 'historically hip' figures so integral to our past greeting and welcoming you to Bastrop in the future.

### **About the City of Bastrop:**

*Bastrop envisions itself as a welcoming community with a compassion for our diversity, a tapestry of people, arts, and structures; preserving our history and character while embracing progress around our unique environment. The mission of the City of Bastrop is to continuously strive to provide innovative and proactive services that enhance our authentic way of life to achieve our vision.*

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