

The caretaker’s apartment in the Heritage House carriage house has been converted to serve as two staff offices, partially meeting the need to relocate staff during renovation of the Mission Inn Avenue location. It is intended, however, that these offices be occupied permanently at Heritage House in order to improve site stewardship.

Main Museum Renovation

Cross-departmental discussions are underway to advance the renovation process. Staff are in discussion with General Services and City Management staff regarding preliminary functional requirements and estimated square footage needs. The schedule to issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to architects has been adjusted to late 2018 or early 2019.

The challenge of storing non-collections furniture and equipment as well as temporarily rehousing staff during the renovation will be met—possibly in full—by leasing a warehouse space not far from the Mission Inn Avenue site. Staff expect to have completed a review of the available space, its suitability for the Museum’s uses, costs, and schedule, by mid-May.

Exhibitions and Programs

The Museum Director and staff continue to gather community input on exhibition and program topics and content sources. This process also includes updating internal databases of professional resources such as designers, traveling exhibitions, and technology specialists.

Community Engagement

The Museum Director has met with, or has scheduled to meet with, the following neighborhood and community organizations to gather input from a diverse range of perspectives regarding museum exhibitions and other programming planned for post-reopening:

March	Japanese-American Citizens League
March	Riverside Neighborhood Partnership
April	Northside Improvement Association
April	Magnolia Area Neighborhood Alliance
April	Neighborhood Engagement Workshop, Arlanza Community Center
April	Downtown Area Neighborhood Alliance (DANA)
April	Eastside Neighborhood Community
April	Neighborhood Engagement Workshop, Casa Blanca
May	Historic Wood Streets Association
May	Neighborhood Engagement Workshop, Bobby Bonds Park
May	Raincross Group

The process of gathering community preferences and viewpoints will continue throughout the redesign of the downtown Museum site. After reopening, a community advisory group will assist on an ongoing basis with exhibition and program development.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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