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Section 106 Design Consultation
Savannah Courthouse Annex Project
List of Attendees for Consulting Parties Meeting

City of Savannah
L. Scott Barnard, Barnard Architects
Daniel G. Carey, Historic Savannah Foundation
Dolly Chisholm, Beehive Foundation
Ellen Harris, Metropolitan Planning Commission
Harry Delome, Telfair Museum
Robin Williams, Savannah College of Art and Design

State Organizations
Bill Hover, State Historic Preservation Office
Mark C. McDonald, Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation

Federal / National Organizations
Kirsten Kulis, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
Melissa Memory, National Park Service

Tenant Representatives
Rebecca Case, U.S. District Court
Robert Fritts, U.S. District Court
Tom Morefield, U.S. Marshal Service
Keith Sampsell, U.S. Marshal Service

GSA Project Team
Joseph Couch, U.S. General Services Administration
Audrey Entorf, U.S. General Services Administration
Sam Harris, U.S. General Services Administration
Swindale Rhodes, U.S. General Services Administration

Design Build and Construction Management Team
Gary Fenning, Jacobs
Trippe Gray, Hoar Construction
Louis Mosley, Jacobs
Bill Huie, Page Architects
Larry Speck, Page Architects
Will Watson, Hoar Construction
Agenda for Consulting Parties Meeting

• Welcome and introduction of attendees

• Goals for today’s meeting

• Overview of the courthouse project history including compliance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Policy Act

• Briefing on the courthouse program, delivery method, courts design guide, security requirements and project schedule

• Presentation of preliminary design concepts

• Discussion of design concepts

• Status of current courthouse project 106 compliance

• Next steps and future meetings

• Final questions and adjourn
Original Courthouse on Wright Square circa 1899
BACK SECTION OF HELMRY BUILDING ALREADY DOWN

HSF Says It Has Halted Work at Federal Complex Site
GSA Unsure About Helmly Artifacts

By HELENA ZIMMERMAN

Disputes between the U.S. General Services Administration and local preservationists over the proposed $21 million federal building on Telfair Square turned toward pieces of terra cotta and wrought iron last week, when The Georgia Gazette launched a search for materials salvaged from the demolished I.C. Helmly Furniture Company building.

Federal officials indicated Friday that they intend to incorporate pieces of the three-story, red-brick structure into an exhibit in the new building on the site, but they refused to discuss the whereabouts of the architectural elements. Thousands of bricks and many hundreds of board feet of heart pine joists and rafters were carted away last winter when the building was demolished.

The building had been designed in 1890 by noted Savannah architect Alfred Elshberg.

Benjamin Polote, president of Polote Builders, the firm which demolished the 90-year-old structure, said Thursday his men “carefully took down some wrought iron and tiles and gave them to the GSA. Beyond that, I’m not sure what happened to them.”

Polote said that the rest of the material in the building “is part of some roadbed somewhere, as far as I know.”

Dave Lancaster, a GSA spokesman, said that the items were in storage in Savannah in custody of the federal government. He said he did not know the full inventory, but that it was likely that the items might be part of an exhibit in the new building. Quincy Culpepper, another GSA spokesman, agreed with Lancaster. “We plan to display the items with maybe a picture of the old building inside the new building within the GSA of what to do with embellishments from razed buildings.”

Herbert Brito, a local architectural historian who with Galveston, Tex., preservation planner Ellen Beasley has been named to replace noted Washington, D.C., architect Hugh Jacobson as lead designer for the project, could not be reached for comment.

Officials of Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc., the local preservation organization, said last week the organization had “asked the GSA to allow us to house the elements” that had been removed, but they never received a reply. Rick Spitzmiller, the foundation’s architectural historian, said Friday, “We went through the Helmly building with the GSA’s architectural historian and told him what we’d like to see salvaged. The list included interior columns, terra cotta, and window sashes, as well as wrought iron screens used on the lower ground floor windows. He said he’d pass the information along.”

Spitzmiller said several weeks later the foundation learned it was not feasible to salvage all the items. “The GSA told us they would not allow us to have them. We wanted to keep them in our warehouse and re-use them on Savannah buildings. But they said they had salvaged the items and they would keep the things.”

In other matters connected with the three-year-old project, the GSA said it is planning to open bids in late September for the purchase of the red-brick house at 122 W. Oglethorpe Ave. by late September. The 1821 building was bought by the government when the Telfair Square site was acquired. However, it has now been declared “surplus property.”

Culpepper said the GSA plans to accept bids to move it; however, he testifies what the

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1997 approved design by Robert Stern
West Elevation
Visual – Existing Trust Lot Buildings
Visual – Proposed by GSA/Page Architects
Visual – Single Trust Lot (South) Option
Visual – Possible North Trust Lot Development
Visual – Underground (tunnel) Connections & Parking below Corps of Engineers Building
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