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Presentation to the Task Force on Confederate Monuments

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Historic Designations

• Pioneer Cemetery is a City of Dallas landmark district.

• Pioneer Cemetery was designated a City of Dallas landmark in May 2002 (Historic overlay No. 114)
Historic Designations

• Fair Park was designated a City of Dallas landmark in 1987 (Historic overlay No. 33)

• Fair Park is a City of Dallas landmark district, State Antiquities Landmark, and a National Historic Landmark.
Pioneer Cemetery

- Site was on the southern edge of Dallas when the first burial occurred in 1840’s.
- Originally comprised four separate cemeteries: Masonic, Odd Fellows, Jewish, and the City cemetery.
- Last body interned in 1921.
- Early Dallas citizens buried in Pioneer Cemetery include several mayors, judges, and other civic leaders.
Pioneer Cemetery

- Confederate monument was moved to Pioneer Cemetery in 1961 when construction of R.L. Thornton Freeway necessitated its move from Old City Park.
Certificate of Appropriateness (CA)

- A permit to allow alterations to an existing structure or site or construction of a structure that is located in a designated Landmark district
Certificate of Appropriateness (CA)

• Typically, CA’s are only required for exterior work to structures or the site, however because Fair Park preservation criteria specifically calls out ‘historic interiors,’ Landmark Commission also has purview over those spaces as well.
Certificate of Demolition (CD)

- A permit to allow alterations, construction, or demolition of a structure or site that is located in a designated Landmark district
- One of five standards must be met for Landmark Commission to approved a Certificate for Demolition.
Certificate of Demolition (CD)

Certificate for Demolition and Removal (CD)
City of Dallas Landmark Commission

1. Name of Applicant: 
   MAILING Address: ____________ City ____________ State ____________ Zip
   Daytime Phone: ____________ Fax: ____________
   Relationship of Applicant to Owner: 
   ADDRESS OF PROPERTY TO BE DEMOLISHED: ____________ City ____________ State ____________ Zip
   Historic District: 

   Proposed Work:
   2. Indicate which demolition standard(s) you are applying:
      __ Replace with more appropriate/compatible structure
      __ No economically viable use
      __ Imminent threat to public health / safety
      __ Demolition noncontributing structure because newer than period of significance
      __ Intent to apply for certificates of demolition pursuant to 51-A.4.301(i) of the Dallas City Code
      Certificate of Demolition for residential structures with no more than 3,000 square feet of floor area pursuant to a court order
   3. Describe work and submit required documents for the demolition standard you are applying:
      (please see attached checklist)

   Application Deadline:
   This form must be completed before the Dallas Landmark Commission can consider the approval of any demolition or removal of a structure within a Historic District. This form along with any supporting documentation must be filed by the first Thursday of each month by 12:00 Noon so it may be reviewed by the Landmark Commission on the first Monday of the following month, 1500 Marilla St, Dallas, Texas, 75201. (See official calendar for exceptions to deadlines and meeting dates). You may also fax this form to 214-697-4310, DO NOT FAX PHOTOGRAPHS.

   Use Section 51A-3.103 OF THE Dallas City Code and the enclosed checklist as a guide to completing the application. Incomplete applications will be rejected and will be returned to you for more information. You are encouraged to contact the Preservation Planner at 214-697-4209 to make sure your application is complete.

   Other: In the event of a denial, you have the right to an appeal. You are encouraged to attend the Landmark Commission hearing the first Monday of each month. Information regarding the history of certificates for individual addresses is also available for review.

   4. Signature of Applicant: __________________ Date: __________________
   5. Signature of Owner: __________________ Date: __________________

Review the enclosed Review and Action Form
Memorandum to the Building Official, a Certificate for Demolition and Removal has been:

☐ APPROVED. Please release the building permit.
☐ APPROVED WITH CONDITIONS. Please release the building permit in accordance with any conditions.
☐ DENIED. Please do not release the building permit or allow work.
☐ DENIED WITHOUT PREJUDICE. Please do not release the building permit or allow work.

Date __________________

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NOTE: THIS APPLICATION WILL EXPIRE 110DAYS AFTER THE APPROVAL DATE

Certificate for Demolition & Removal City of Dallas Historic Preservation
Rev. 3/27/01, 2-11/02, 1-29/03, 6-1/04, 7-8-04, 2-8/05

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Pioneer Cemetery

Since the Confederate Monument is located within the historic district boundary of Pioneer Cemetery, a Certificate for Demolition and Removal will need to be submitted for Landmark Commission review.
CA or CD review process

1. Certificate of Appropriateness Application (CA) submitted
2. Task Force Review
3. Staff Review
4. Staff and Task Force recommendations mailed to applicant
5. LANDMARK COMMISSION HEARING (Final Decision)
   - **DENIED**: Applicant can resubmit or appeal to CPC
   - **APPROVED**: CA/CD emailed 10 days AFTER hearing
State Antiquities Landmark (SAL)

- State Antiquities Landmarks (SAL) are designated by the Texas Historical Commission (THC) and receive legal protection under the Antiquities Code of Texas.
- SAL designation does not mean that sites or buildings cannot be altered or destroyed.
- The land-owning agency must consult with the THC about such proposed actions through the permit process, and the THC will determine whether the work will be allowed.
- Fair Park became an SAL in 1984.
National Historic Landmarks

• National Historic Landmarks (NHL) are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States.

• The 2,500 properties designated as National Historic Landmarks tell stories that are of importance to the history of the entire nation, not just local communities or states. These properties possess a high, not simply good, level of historic integrity.

• Fair Park was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1986.
National Historic Landmarks

• This recognition does not prevent changes being made to the property that can completely alter its character.
• When a designated property is altered so that it has lost its ability to convey its national significance, the withdrawal of its NHL designation must be considered.
• The National Historic Landmark designation of a property can be considered for withdrawal either at the request of the owner or on the initiative of the Secretary of the Interior.
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