

Letter of intent: W.O.W. Home. 119 S. Tennessee St

In 1914 the McKinney chapter of the Woodsmen of the World opened it's new building at 119 S. Tennessee St. The W.O.W. Home as it says on the front of the building is a non-for-profit fraternal benefit society founded in 1890 and provided life insurance to it's members. One of the benefits of being a member was receiving a free tombstone at death. These tombstones can be seen at the Pecan Grove Cemetery here in McKinney. They are shaped like trees or tree stumps. The McKinney Woodsmen Chapter later leased out the ground floor to local Sheriff G.J.S. Walker in the 1920's. He called it the "Horn Palace." He sold and fixed leather horse tack and harnesses. I have found an advertisement from Feb. 1921 in the McKinney The Weekly-Democrat Gazette. He called it the "Horn Palace" as he had taxidermy heads of animals all throughout the building. The building is on the historical walk and it's pretty much boring to say the least. I want to change that.

My intent is to preserve this building and it's history. I have no picture of the original building so I want to preserve it as it is today by adding the permanent awning, clean and re-paint the front exterior with the existing color, have a mason company clean, re-point, take off all the ugly screws and bolts put in over the years and make it look exactly like is was 1914 again. I have the original support braces for the awning and of course the original hooks are still attached to the building. I want to re-store the Ghost writing on the back of the building. It advertises The W.O.W. Home and the Horn Palace. At some point, put a monument, the tombstone of the Woodmen of the World out front with a QR code for that historical walk but also have photos inside of G.J.S. Walker's advertising, and W.O.W. Home memorabilia like the Sherman Texas museum. They have a whole exhibition on the Woodsmen of the World.

Business Owners name & Contact Information:

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Business name: Totem Holdings, LLC.

Business address: 119 S. Tennessee St. McKinney TX. 75069

Type of Business: We are a Electric Bicycle Company running a sales office, show room, and parts warehouse.

Extra Jobs after renovation: 3

Anticipated annual Sales: \$800,000.

Anticipated Benefit to the City:

The restoration of a building in Old Downtown McKinney increasing traffic and property values. I have already invested \$37k in a new roof. \$42k in a new AC / heat system. \$32k in getting the elevator reworking to comply with OSHA regulations and the city.

Anticipated Cost: \$29, 430.

Yes, the project is eligible for reimbursement under TIRZ. Historical.

Amount being requested is: \$25,000

What costs are eligible:

Dee Brown Masonry - \$3,245.

Hartill Homes Exterior Cleaning & Painting. \$4,600.

USA Canvase Awning. Replica awning of 1914. \$14,785.

Jake Dobscha Artist: \$6,800.