



**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**RICK HEROLD ADMINISTRATION BLDG. - HALL OF FAME CONF.**  
**RM., 400 COLLEGE ST.**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

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## **AGENDA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

*Citizens may speak during Citizen Comments for up to five minutes on any item not on the agenda by completing and submitting a speaker card.*

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- 1. 1. Approval of September 22, 2021 Minutes, Presented by B.J. Nichols**
- 2. Awards, Presented by Duane Strawn & B.J. Nichols**  
Employee of the Year - Gabby Gonzalez  
Park Board Member (2013-2021) - Emita Garcia
- 3. Acceptance of Vice Chair Nomination & Role: John Stewart, Presented by B.J. Nichols**
- 4. 4. The Uptown Theater Presentation, Presented by Thomas Menezes**
- 5. 5. Park Planning Presentation, Presented by Steve Plumer**
- 6. 6. Tree Board Report, Presented by Duane Strawn**
- 7. Park Board Reports, Presented by Park Board Members**  
PlayGrand Adventures - Mal Earl & Tracy Aldridge  
Alliance Skate Park - B.J. Nichols  
Recreation - Malcom Chakery  
The Uptown Theater - Bryan Parra  
Farmers Market - John Stewart  
Special Events - Greg Mullen & Tracy Aldridge  
The Epic - John Stewart  
Ruthe Jackson Center - Bryan Parra & Angela Luckey-Vaughn  
Lake Parks - Mal Earl & Warren Landrum  
Park Maintenance - B.J. Nichols & Angela Luckey-Vaughn  
The Summit - Greg Mullen  
Golf - Greg Mullen & Warren Landrum  
Sports Leagues - Malcom Chakery  
Epic Waters - Malcom Chakery
- 8. Chairman Report, Presented by B.J. Nichols**  
Holiday Meeting 12/8

October Birthdays  
Prairie Lights

9. **Director Report, Presented by Duane Strawn**  
Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)  
Staff Changes  
EpicCentral

## **ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting location is wheelchair accessible. If you plan to attend this public meeting and you have a disability that requires special arrangements, please call 972-237-8107 at least 24 hours in advance. Reasonable accommodations will be made to assist your needs.

### *Certification*

*In accordance with Chapter 551, Subchapter C of the Government Code, V.T.C.A, the Park Board agenda was prepared and posted October 22, 2021.*



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*Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor*



**PARK BOARD MEETING**  
**PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION ADMINISTRATION BUILDING - HALL**  
**OF FAME CONFERENCE ROOM, 400 COLLEGE STREET**  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AT 6:30 PM**

## MINUTES

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Nichols at 6:30 pm on September 22, 2021.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

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No Citizen Comments

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### **Approval of August 25, 2021 Minutes, Presented by B.J. Nichols**

Motion made by Board Member Mullen, Seconded by Board Member Chakery.

Voting Yea: Chairman Nichols, Co-Chairman Stewart, Board Member Mullen, Board Member Chakery, Board Member Parra, Board Member Luckey-Vaughn, Board Member Aldridge, Board Member Landrum

#### **Awards, Presented by Duane Strawn & B.J. Nichols**

May Exemplary Employee of the Month - Alex Amador | Presented

Employee of the Year - Gabby Gonzalez | This has been moved to the October Park Board Meeting

#### **Epic Waters Presentation, Presented by Rick Coleman**

Presentation was done by Michael Hayes | Presented

#### **Park Maintenance Presentation, Presented by Chip Nami**

Presented

#### **The Summit Presentation, Presented by Daniel Cauthen**

Presented

#### **Tree Board Report, Presented by Duane Strawn**

Presented

#### **Park Board Reports, Presented by Park Board Members**

PlayGrand Adventures - Mal Earl & Tracy Aldridge | Presented

Alliance Skate Park - B.J. Nichols | Presented

Recreation - Malcom Chakery | Presented

The Uptown Theater - Bryan Parra | Presented

Farmers Market - John Stewart | Presented

Special Events - Greg Mullen & Tracy Aldridge | Presented  
The Epic - John Stewart | Presented  
Ruthe Jackson Center - Bryan Parra & Angela Luckey-Vaughn | Presented  
Lake Parks - Mal Earl & Warren Landrum | Presented  
Park Maintenance - B.J. Nichols & Angela Luckey-Vaughn | Presented  
The Summit - Greg Mullen | Presented  
Golf - Warren Landrum | Presented  
Sports Leagues - Malcom Chakery | Presented  
New Park Board Report - Epic Waters | Assigned to Malcom Chakery by Chairman Nichols.

**Chairman Report, Presented by B.J. Nichols**

Prairie Lights | Presented

**Director Report, Presented by Duane Strawn**

Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) | Presented  
Gold Medal | Presented

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Park Board Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Nichols at 8:14 P.M.



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*Krista Marrs, Administrative Supervisor*

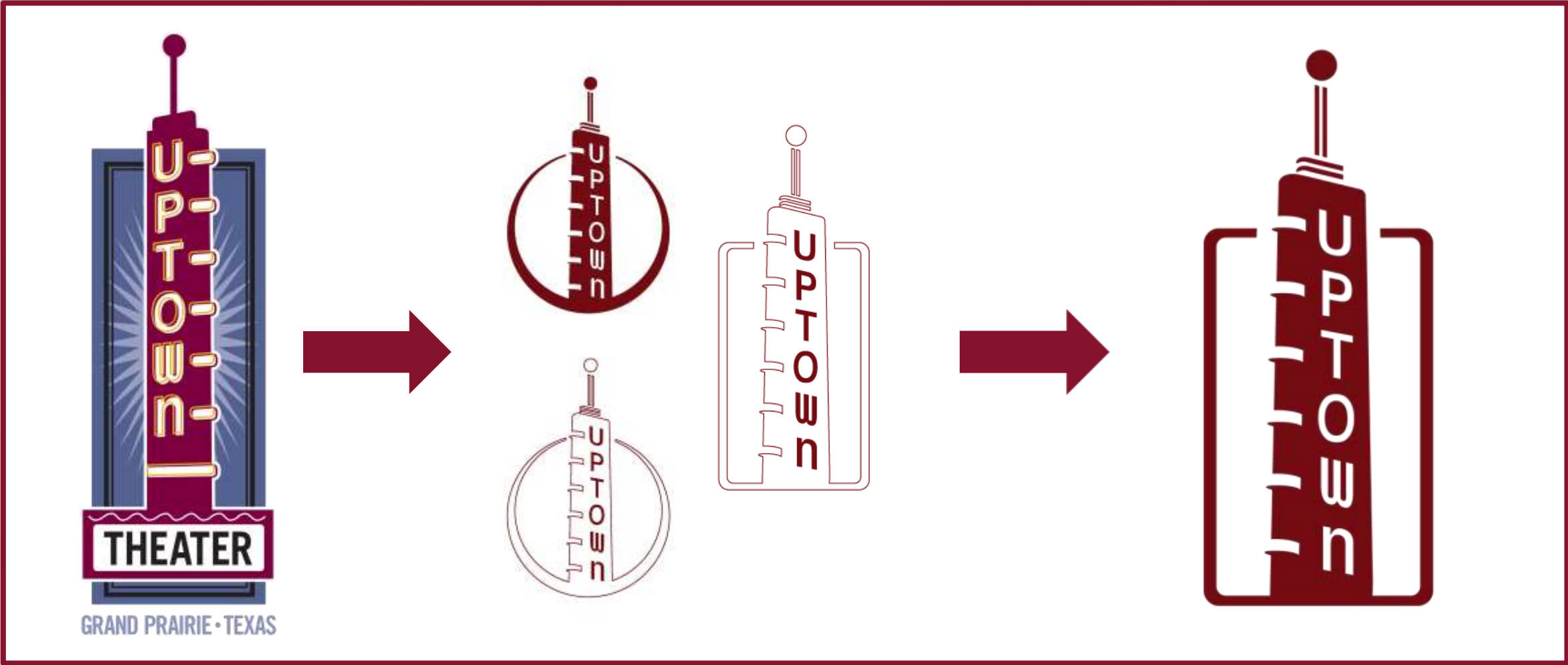


# THE UPTOWN THEATER

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REFRESH, RENOVATE, REIMAGINE







# The Uptown is Grand Prairie's fully restored 1950's theater and performing arts center.

It is rich with history and abounding with activity. This classically vintage venue is host to concerts, musicals, dance performances, theater camps, and much more.

Home of Grand Prairie Arts Council, the Uptown Theater will charm and enchant you with its playful 1950s ambience and professional performances. Whether you're tapping your toes to the classics, enjoying a fresh box of popcorn, or celebrating a special event, everyone in your family will love *The Uptown Experience*.

Check us out often for more exciting events coming to the Metroplex's most unique entertainment center, The Uptown Theater!

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# THE HISTORIC UPTOWN THEATER

## ARTS & EVENTS CENTER



### A HISTORIC THEATER & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Grand Prairie's Uptown Theater is a historic downtown landmark that is rich with history and abounding with activity! The Uptown Theater originally opened in 1950 as a movie hall, after closing their doors, the City of Grand Prairie purchased the theater and reopened as a multi-use





# PRIVATE EVENT RENTALS

## UPTOWN THEATER

Uptown's Art Deco design makes this theater the perfect venue for a memorable event! The 402 seats features 8 loveseats similar to those in the original 1950 construction.

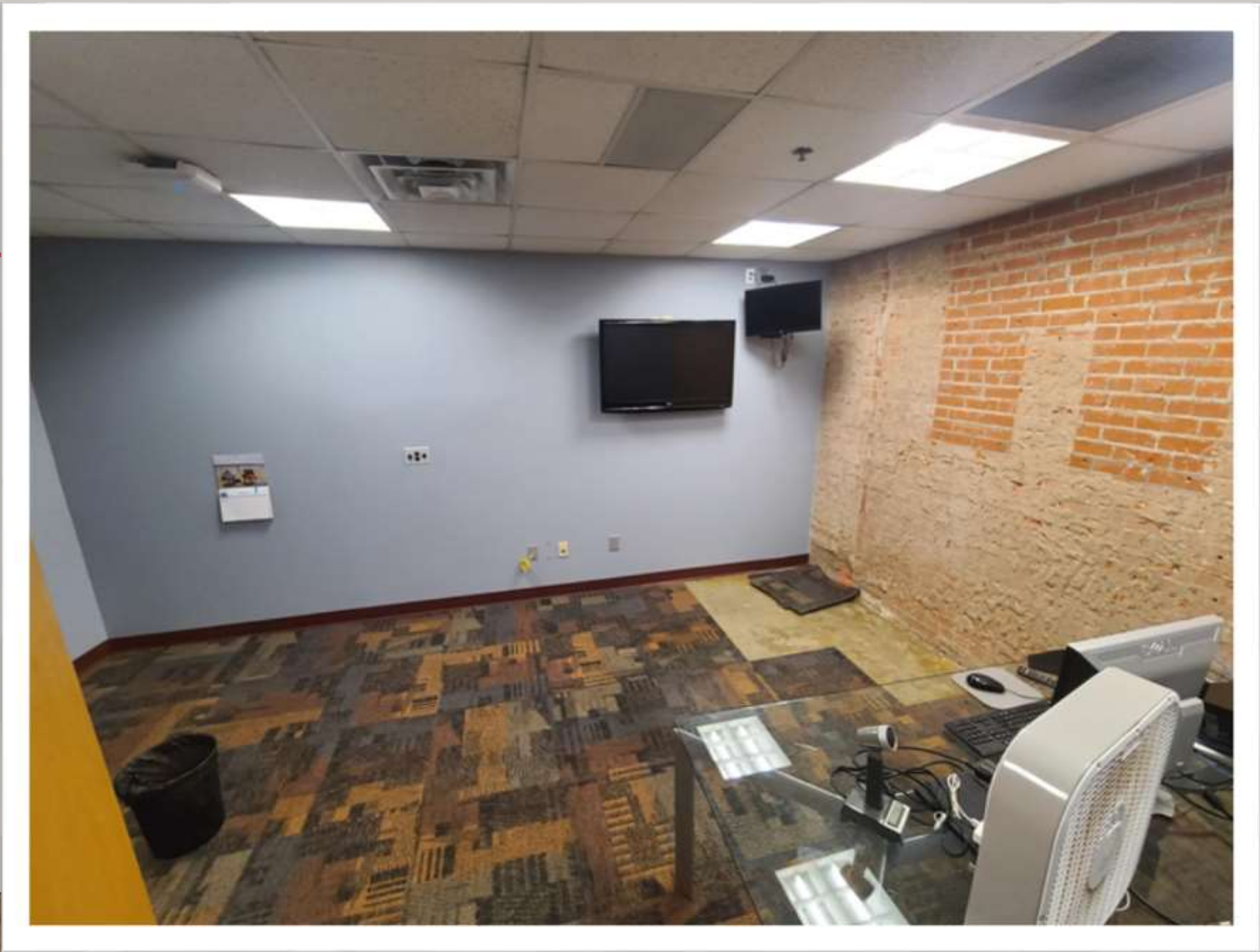
## THE BLACK BOX

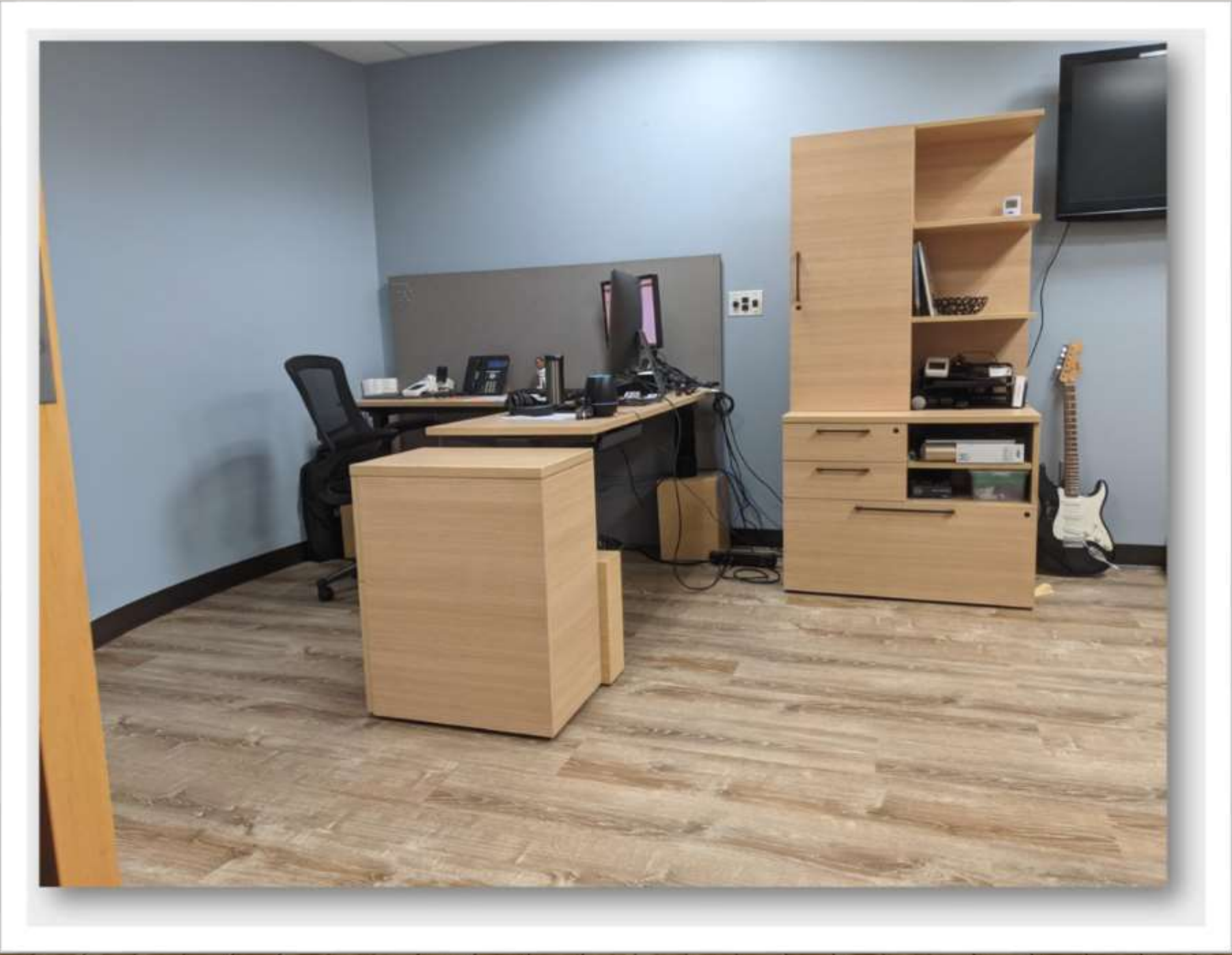
The Black Box at Uptown is a multi-use studio theater with endless possibilities! The space features a small stage, lighting grid, and an independent "plug-and-play" audio system.

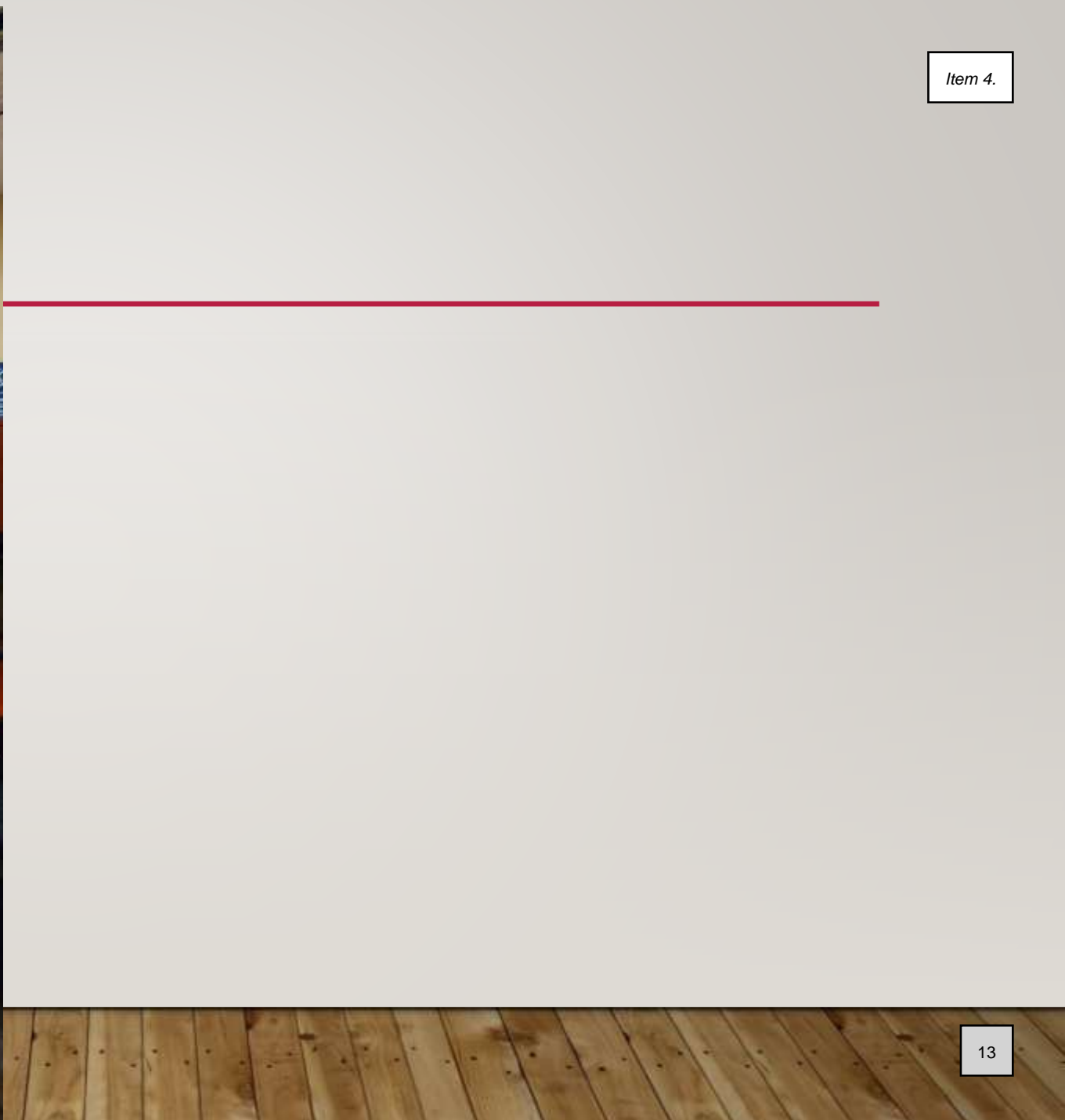
## THE UPTOWN GALLERY

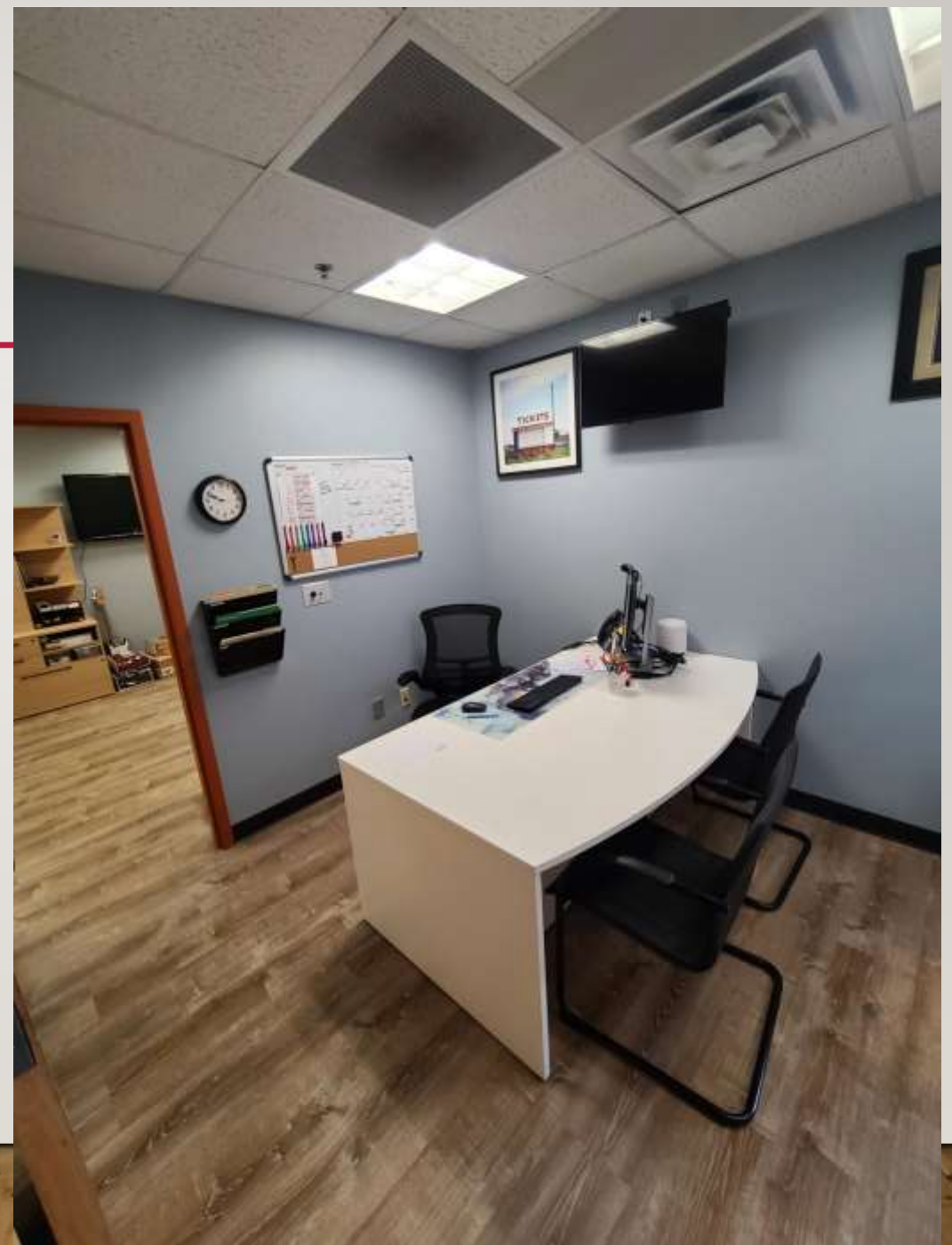
The Uptown Gallery is ideal for small or large gatherings. The original brick wall spans the length of the room and displays an ever-revolving collection of art.











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A Selena Tribute



With Special Guest

**Monica Saldivar**

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[UptownTheaterGP.com](http://UptownTheaterGP.com)



### Grand Prairie Family Remembers Son Through His Art



A special art show tonight to the life and work of artist lost too early to life.

**NEXT VIDEO**  
Superheroing His Art: The Pump  
In The Average 8th Grade Class  
From Texas (Nov 22)

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Board Meeting Following  
Administrators' Decision To Repeal

### Grand Prairie Arts Council Holiday Show

*This is a Great Family Production*



**December 3 - 12, 2021**  
**Tickets at [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org)**

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

*Bringing the Arts to Life Since 1979!*  
**[www.artsgp.org](http://www.artsgp.org) / 972-642-ARTS**

### Grand Prairie Arts Council at the Uptown Theater **2022 Theatre Season**



**Cinderella Enchanted**  
February 18 - 27



**Cabaret**  
March 18 - 27



**In the Heights**  
June 17 - 26



**Frozen Jr.**  
Children's Theater  
Camp Production  
July 29 & 30



**State Fair**  
September 16 - 25



**To Be Announced**  
December 2 - 11

#### Season Ticket Packages

online: [artsgp.org](http://artsgp.org) / phone: 972-642-ARTS (2777)

Pick your price level, seat & performance day  
Fridays & Saturdays: 8 pm  
2nd Saturday & Sundays: 2 pm

SEASON TICKET	\$100 - rows D, E & F (25% savings)
PACKAGES:	\$ 85 - rows C, G - K (15% savings)
All six (6) Shows plus more perks	\$ 70 - rows L - Q (\$12.00 savings)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Grand  
Prairie  
News

PRESENTS

# BEATLES vs STONES

A MUSICAL SHOWDOWN

The poster features two rows of photographs. The top row shows four young men dressed in 1960s-style clothing, performing as The Beatles. The bottom row shows five young men dressed in 1960s-style clothing, performing as The Rolling Stones. The background is a large, stylized American flag with red, white, and blue stripes.



# Park Planning – Project Updates

October 27, 2021

# Mi Familia Master Plan

## Project Status:

- Master Plan presented to City Council
  - October 12, 2021
- Currently in Design Phase
  - TBG Partners, Inc.
- Proposals for CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk)
  - Due November 4, 2021
- Begin Design Collaboration Phase
  - +/- December 2021
- Groundbreaking
  - +/- October 2022
- Phase I Completion
  - +/- October 2023







# Tyre Park Master Plan

## Project Status:

- Currently in Master Plan Phase
  - Parkhill, Smith & Cooper/Schrickel Rollins
- Stakeholder/Community Meetings
  - November 15 & December +/- 8, 2021
- Park Master Plan Complete
  - February 2022
- CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk)
  - +/- Feb.-March 2022
- Begin Design Collaboration - Phase I
  - +/- March 2022
- Groundbreaking
  - +/- November 2022
- Phase I Completion
  - +/- October 2023



# Turner Park Master Plan Update

## Project Status:

- Currently in Master Plan Update Phase
  - Dunaway Associates
- Study to include:
  - Maintaining the proposed project elements
  - Using existing infrastructure
  - Phase I cost estimates & phasing plan
- Master Plan Update Complete
  - January 2022
- CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk)
  - December 2021- January 2022
- Begin Design Collaboration – Phase I
  - January 2022
- Groundbreaking
  - +/-January 2023
- Phase I Completion
  - +/-October 2023

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# Lynn Creek Event Pavilion

## Project Status:

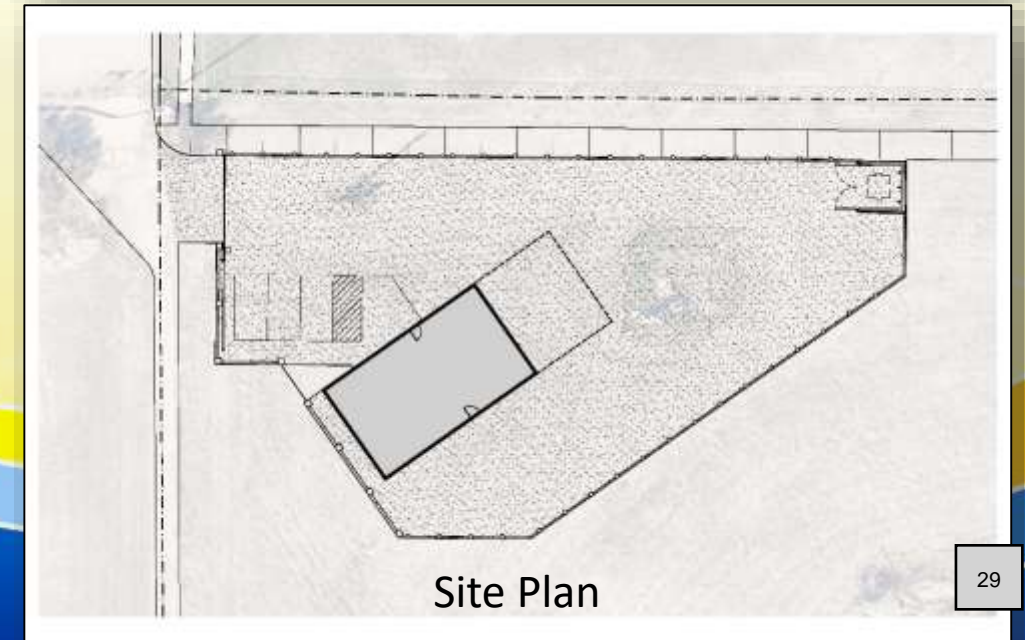
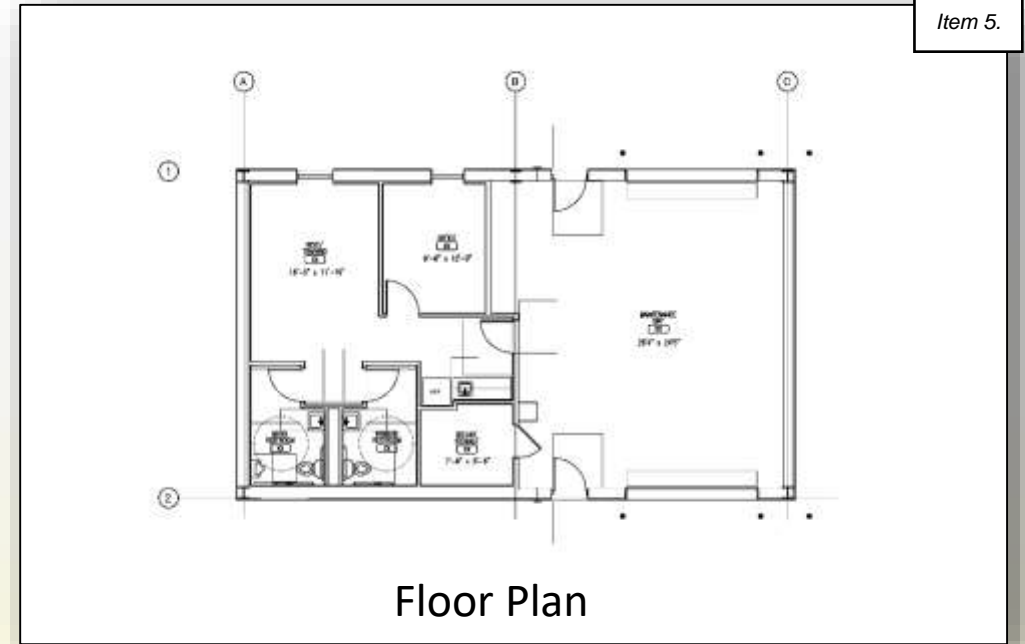
- Currently in Design Phase
  - Magee Architects for Phase I Design
  - Consultants for Charley Taylor and Dalworth Renovation, Tony Shotwell Life Center
- Proposals for CMAR (Construction Manager at Risk)
  - Due November 3, 2021
- Begin Design Collaboration Phase
  - +/- December 2021
- Groundbreaking
  - +/- February 2023



# EpicCentral Maintenance Facility

## Project Status:

- Currently in Design Phase
  - GHLA Architects
- Facility to Include:
  - Maintenance Building
  - Office
  - Restroom
  - Maintenance Bay
  - Outside Storage (Yard)
  - Security Screen Decorative Fencing/Security Gate
- Design Phase Complete
  - May 2022
- Bid Process
  - +/- June-July 2022
- Completion
  - +/- February 2023



# Great Southwest Nature Park

## Project Status:

- Currently in Construction Phase
- Items Completed:
  - Clearing & Demolition – 100%
  - Drainage – 100%
  - Fitness Stations – 80%
  - Creek Overlook – 100%
  - Earthwork – 100%
  - Concrete Trail – 65%
  - Amphitheater – 20%
  - Native Plantings – 10%
- Delays Due to Union Pacific Railroad
- Projected Completion (Grant Items)
  - +/- July 2022 Projected Completion (Non-Grant Items)
  - +/- Fall 2022 (Pending UP final approval)
- Park Opening
  - +/- Fall 2022



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**Grand Prairie**  
— T E X A S —  
**PARKS, ARTS & RECREATION**

**Questions ?**

**MEMORANDUM****TO:** Tree Board**FROM:** Andrew Snyder, Special Events Supervisor**RE:** September 2021 Tree Related Activities**DATE:** Friday, October 22, 2021

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The following is a list of tree related activities for Parks Maintenance, Lake Parks, Golf Courses, and Cemetery Divisions reported for the month of September 2021.

**Parks Maintenance:** (North, South, Municipal & Gateway Crews)

- 330 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance, tree removal, hauling brush.

**Lake Parks:** (Lynn Creek Park / Loyd Park)

50 Man hours – Pruning, maintenance, tree removal.

**Golf Courses:** (Prairie Lakes / Tangle Ridge)

- 20 Man hours – Pruning/maintenance.

**Cemetery:**

- 10 Man Hours – Pruning/maintenance.

**Totals for Tree Related Activities:**

- 410 - Man hours