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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Department of Development Services

DCM: Cassey Ogden

DATE: February 9, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report and hold a discussion regarding the historical merit of preserving the former entry wall of the former Park Place station.

BACKGROUND

At the Historic Landmark Commission (HLC) meeting on October 13, 2025, staff sought feedback from the Commission on how to proceed with the information received from Ms. Joyce Kenas regarding the former Park Place Station, once generally located on the north side of W University Drive, just west of Ector Street (see Exhibit 2). Ms. Kenas' grandfather, DeWitt Clinton Sockwell, was the owner of Park Place, and was an avid artifacts and rock collector, which can be seen in the design of the last remaining column of the station (see Exhibit 3). Ms. Kenas, on his behalf, requested that this last bit of history of the Sockwell family and Park Place be preserved by the City of Denton.

Staff presented three ideas to recognize the former Park Place station and the Sockwell family; however, the Commission felt additional research was needed regarding the former Park Place Station, the Sockwell family, and cost estimates for the removal and relocation of the former entry wall, before a final decision could be made.

Commissioner Black conducted additional research on the family and former property, as well as ran preliminary numbers for the removal and relocation of the former entry wall. As such, staff seeks direction from the Commission, based on the additional research presented by Commissioner Black, the historical merit of preserving the former entry wall of the former Park Place station.

EXHIBITS

1. Agenda Information Sheet
2. Site Location Map
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Additional Research

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