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A Downtown Bryan Association
project... to purchase and restore
The Queen Theatre.
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Frequently Asked Questions

The Downtown Bryan Association (formerly known as DBEDA) is undertaking an exciting new project to purchase and restore the Queen Theatre in Downtown Bryan. The poor condition of the historic Queen Theatre has long been a topic of discussion among citizens from all over Bryan and College Station. Everyone in our community seems to agree that restoration of the Queen Theatre will be the crowning touch in the very successful effort to renovate and rejuvenate Downtown Bryan.

Q. What will the project cost?

A. The purchase price is \$185,000. We will be raising \$200,000 for the purchase phase of the project.

Q. What will the restoration cost be?

A. We will tailor our restoration project based on the amount of funds available.

We won't have an actual figure until we have an architect's plans and a contractor's estimate but we anticipate the cost to be approximately \$850,000. We think it can be restored to an attractive and useful community asset for as little as \$600,000. As the fundraising progresses, we will finalize the design accordingly.

Q. What will the Queen be used for when it is finished?

A. Our objective is to have a community entertainment venue and communication center. This could include not only traditional use as a movie theatre but also a conference center where the screen could be used for communications with a seated audience or video conferencing with other facilities around the world. There are several obstacles to this ultimate use that will need to be addressed as our plans develop. We will be working to eliminate and resolve the obstacles as we restore the structural and exterior features of the Queen. Regardless, upon completion, it will be used for offices by the Downtown Bryan Association and the Downtown Visitors Center and will be available as a community meeting facility with audio and video assets.

Q. How long will the reconstruction take?

A. We are committed to having the facility secure (the roof is in bad need of repair) and the exterior facade complete by the Texas Reds Steak and Grape Festival in June 2011. This is probably an aggressive goal but we think it is achievable. We hope to have the interior finished by the summer of 2012 but it is still too early to accurately project an exact date. A lot will depend on the rate at which we receive donations for this project.

Q. Who will own the Theatre?

A. In effect, it will be owned by the community of people living in this area who have longed for this action to happen. The Downtown Bryan Association will hold the title to and will manage the facility. Membership in the Downtown Bryan Association is open to all members of the Bryan-College Station community who are interested in our downtown area.

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