

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE April 10, 2015

TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Original Pegasus to Have New Home at Omni Hotel

The original red Pegasus sculpture that perched atop the Magnolia Building from 1934 to 1999 has been restored and rebuilt and will have a new home in front of the Omni Hotel. The rebuilding of this cultural artifact, which has been in storage for over 15 years, included restoration of the original sign panels, a new set of neon lighting, and a new derrick structure. Installation of the Pegasus and derrick is scheduled to begin this weekend and should be complete in approximately two weeks.

The project is the result of a partnership between the Office of Cultural Affairs and Matthews Southwest. In the fall of 2013, OCA took the original panels out of storage and entered into an agreement allowing Matthews Southwest to coordinate the restoration of the original Pegasus in order for it to be displayed again on City property in front of the Omni Hotel. The restoration of the sign panels was done by Van Enter Studios, which has overseen numerous restorations for the City of Dallas including the Octavio Medellin windows which are currently being installed at Dallas Love Field. Tony Collins Art built the derrick structure and rotating mechanism and will conduct routine maintenance on the mechanism and structure for the next 10 years.

The original 1934 Pegasus was fabricated by Texlite Signs of Dallas and became City of Dallas property in 1976. In anticipation of the City of Dallas' Millennium Celebration, the original Pegasus, which had deteriorated, was removed and a new one was commissioned in 1999. It was lit for the first time at the stroke of midnight January 1, 2000.

An event celebrating the installation of the Pegasus and the completion of the entire plaza area in front of the Omni is being planned. I will inform you of the details of that event when they become available.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joey Zapata".

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Assistant City Manager

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