



INFORMATION MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Gary D. Greer
City Manager

DATE: February 3, 2015

SUBJECT: Donation from the Friends of the Farmers Branch Historical Park

When the Old Church was moved into the Historical Park in 1985, it was lacking its original church bell. The Focus Farmers Branch class of 1990-91 of the Farmers Branch Chamber of Commerce donated the small railroad bell that has celebrated many a special event and school tour in the Park since then.

The Historical Park acquired the original bell through a donation and Historical Park staff requested funding from the Friends of the Historical Park for \$18,340 to refurbish the original bell, improve the bell tower structure, remove the railroad bell, and replace the original bell in the bell tower.

Work on the project is scheduled to be completed in time for a grand re-ringing of the original church bell on Thursday, February 19, 2015. The winner of the "Draw the Historical Park" contest, which is taking place now, will be invited to ring the original bell for the first time that afternoon.

Possible Council Action:

1. I move to accept the \$18,340 donation from the Friends of the Farmers Branch Historical Park.
2. I move to accept the \$18,340 donation from the Friends of the Farmers Branch Historical Park, with modifications.
3. I move to table the item or take no action.