

Butler Longhorn Museum

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Usage Plan for the Ghirardi House

90% Complete

Italian Heritage Museum

The Ghirardi House and grounds will be used for the purpose of housing the Italian family heritage and the Italian family artifacts. This will promote education, fundraising, attracting tourism and creating a family fun destination attraction to showcase a part of the cultural diversity that helped create League City, Texas, and surrounding cities.

Tours –Before traveling to the Ghirardi House a short video presentation can/will be given at the Butler Longhorn Museum (501c3) in the theater, with interviews from the family members recalling the early daily life and secondhand family historic stories. Under the guidance of the Butler Longhorn Museum a skilled docent will guide the tour from the Butler Longhorn Museum or greet the group/groups at the Ghirardi House for a guided tour. The docent will stay with the guest as they lead the tour and highlight the history of the families. This is to protect all artifacts and ensure the security of the artifacts and house. Each room will house the artifacts from the families. Tour fee's will be determined after the final completion of the house is decorated.

Entry Room (Living Room) Facing the pond- This is where the guests will gather to learn the history overview of the 13 plus families and view several of the family's artifacts, will include display cases or family furniture, original family pictures showing daily work and family gatherings, (artifacts) clothing, books and other household items from League City and surrounding regions.

The décor of all four rooms will also match the period of the house i.e., wallpaper (design - from family), flooring and curtains.

Other Rooms Inside- (2) bedrooms one bedroom will be set up as a sleeping quarters with family artifacts.

Kitchen Area – This area will be used to house some of the original authentic artifacts, pictures in recreating a kitchen from the selected period.

Restroom Area – (inside house) Will be used for storage /small office

ADA, AED, and Fire Extinguishers

Security Alarm

Exit House- This will be at the back of the house (back porch area) leaving the grounds.

LONG TERM – LATER DATE After the museum is open to the public

Outside Area - The grounds in agreed area will house the farm equipment and show how life was lived in days of farming by the Italian families in League City, Texas. (These artifacts will be secured against theft and for safety of the public). We would like to vision some type of barn (structure) to house farm equipment that people could walk thru- this would also secure the artifacts.

Funds would come from fundraising.

House – Maintain Climate controlled (HVAC) Heating ventilating air condition, this is required to maintain the artifacts.

Electrical/ Lighting- Track lighting (movable canisters) in the ceiling of each room to highlight the artifacts. Also, electrical outlets. (Complete)

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Windows Shutters- Shutters for the outside of the windows (to help prevent the breakage of the glass windows and secure from theft.

These shutters will be opened when a tour is taking place (type of historic design as in second reconstruction of house (had green shutters in the early 1970)

Long Term Care of the Building- funding required from city to maintain building standards, outside painting, HVAC system, all upkeep and care including electrical requirements for future and unknown or unseen anomalies.

(As noted in the Butler Longhorn Museum Operating Agreement item 11. Utilities

Artifacts Funding (funding supplies) - for construction of artifacts, display cases, boxed frames etc. This is required to maintain the longevity and safety of the artifacts. Fundraising/donations/membership will be carried out by museum.

Porch in front of house- ADA Accessible-complete

RESTROOMS -No restrooms will be inside the structure of the house/museum. The park restrooms will be available for use- please note doors are requested to be added/installed in the toilet area.

WE (BLM) would like to start the installation of the collections in the house ASAP.

Topics for discussion-

Walking paths to outside exhibits- possible concrete or garden gravel

Street signage throughout League City

Driveway/parking area for large tour buses (back of house)

Walking path from house to outside restrooms -concrete or another suitable path

