

PROGRESS REPORT

Working Group Name: Heritage, Culture, and Arts Assets at Texas A&M

Working Group #: 8

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Date: April 22, 2022

Update on Actions Taken Since Last Report:

The last main working group meeting was March 25th, 2022, and the working group will reconvene in early May. The 4th museum subgroup meeting was held April 19, 2022, with all 9 members attending. Recurring weekly future meeting dates and locations for WG8-MS have been set for April 26th and May 3rd. This meeting and the next two meetings continue to focus on a sole agenda item, accompanied by a sole action. The final deliverables of this subgroup will be presented for discussion and approval at the next general meeting of the WG8 set for May 6, 2022.

The sole agenda item and action for the 4th meeting was focused on defining, balancing, and prioritizing the spaces that the museum should have, with the initial thought of addressing any physical and virtual teaching and research spaces. However, it became evident that there were significant space needs that did not fit in these categories, so consensus was reached on a proposal to have an in-depth discussion on defining minimum space requirements for a museum, i.e., "must-haves" (without including square footage), organized around three topics: objects, people, and function.

Next Major Issue to be Addressed:

The next two meetings of the WG8-MS will consist of the following:

- April 26th –focus on attributes that the iconic form, functionality, and aesthetic for the museum should have (not a design solution, as that is outside the scope of the charge).
- May 3rd –focus on attributes for the location of the museum (not a specific site, as that is outside the scope of the charge), which would provide maximum accessibility.

Barriers Encountered and Solutions Identified:

None at this time

Deliverables Completed:

Deliverables are in progress for the specific charge of the WG8-MS.

Timeline for Completion of Remaining Deliverables:

WG8-MS is on trajectory to comply with the timeline set for its final deliverables: May 6, 2022