

Save The Hall Ya'll Project

April 2020 Press Release

On Thursday, March 12, 2020 safe entry was made into the old city hall building located at 201 East Moore Street by representatives from Up Your Arts to conduct on-site inspections of the existing structure.

As has been confirmed by several environmental hazard surveys performed over the last several months the interior of the building is overwhelmed by extremely hazardous mold throughout both floors, and in all rooms and areas of the structure. The onsite studies to determine the feasibility of re-purposing the building into a state-of-the-art community based performing and creative arts center are being overseen by Jon Henry, owner of Long Beach Construction, who has offered Up Your Arts project management services "Pro Bono".

In order to accommodate safe access, Up Your Arts contracted with Remediation Solutions, Inc. of Oak Island to prepare the building prior to entry. Their three person crew arrived at approximately 5:30 AM and set up fogging machines to render inert all airborne mold particles. All those entering the building (beginning at 9 AM were required to wear Tyvek Personal Protection Equipment including gloves, hoods and face masks. (Although the mold particles in the air were neutralized, mold still contaminated all building surfaces, which were, of necessity, not to be touched or disturbed).

"As-built" measurements of the entire interior of the structure were taken by Rich Bandera, of Bandera Architecture, who will be providing complete architectural drawings of the existing building "Pro Bono". He was assisted by local resident (and retired fire engineer) Van Snyder. Doug Jones, owner of W.D. Jones Engineering, PLLC conducted a thorough interior and exterior visual engineering survey of the structure. He will be providing Up Your Arts a complete written evaluation in the near future.

A complete 3D video rendering of the entire interior structure was created by Crystal Glass Photography. They have created a wonderful virtual, interactive 3D tour of the which will be available in the very near future on our Website, upyourarts.org. This will allow anyone "virtual access" into the building to tour the old city hall for themselves. Here is the link for your viewing, bit.ly/HallYallTour.



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Also making entry into the building were Morgan Harper, Robert Carroll (Chair of Up Your Arts) and John Keiffer (Chair of the Save the Hall, Y'all project).

All of what was accomplished during the day will allow Up Your Arts to complete the feasibility study outlined in the six month Memorandum of Understanding entered into with the City Of Southport on November 14, 2019. The shared initial reaction by all parties involved was, "This is going to be a great and successful project, and nothing we saw or encountered, prior to an in-depth analysis, seemed to deter our vision for a community arts center in the heart of Southport". The UYA board of directors will be meeting over the next several weeks to analyze all the information obtained during the building entry and begin mapping out the next steps forward.

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