

National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Expansion

City Briefing

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National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame History

The National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame (NCMHOF) was founded in 1974 and is the only museum in the world dedicated to honoring women of the West, who have displayed extraordinary courage and pioneer spirit in their trailblazing efforts.

The organization moved to Fort Worth, TX in 1994 seeking a permanent home.

In 2002, the organization opened its doors to its current 33,000 square foot facility located in the Will Rogers Memorial Complex, owned by the City of Fort Worth.



National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame History and Improvements



(Floor 1 Legends Gallery – Phase 1)

In 2015, the museum embarked on a four year journey to improve the interior of the city facility.

Phase 1 included a \$2.1 million ground floor renovation and upgrade that opened in July of 2015.

Phase 2 included a \$5.5 million second floor renovation and upgrade that completed in 2019.

(Floor 2 It's Never Just a Horse – Phase 2)



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In 2019, the museum also invested in a \$2.1M improvement to the area directly south of the building creating Alice Walton Cowgirl Park.

The park is open to the public and is utilized by the arts district for public events throughout the year that benefit the community and local businesses.



NCMHOF Expansion Project Team:
Supported by three local firms



PROJECTILES

Design Architect

Architect of Record

EWING
COLE

LINBECK

Construction Contractor

Owner Project
Management

THE
PROJECTS
GROUP

National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Expansion Goals

1. The Expansion Project will extend a 16,000 square foot “wing” west of the existing building (32,000 square feet).
2. Expansion includes new entrance that faces the Alice Walton Cowgirl Park and Dickies Arena.
3. Improves access to the supporting parking lot.
4. Adds four (4) new gallery spaces to the facility.
5. Allows for expanded use of the existing facility – including a 250-guest event space on the second floor.
6. Allows museum to expand K-12 TEKS programming by supplying additional content in the new and existing building.

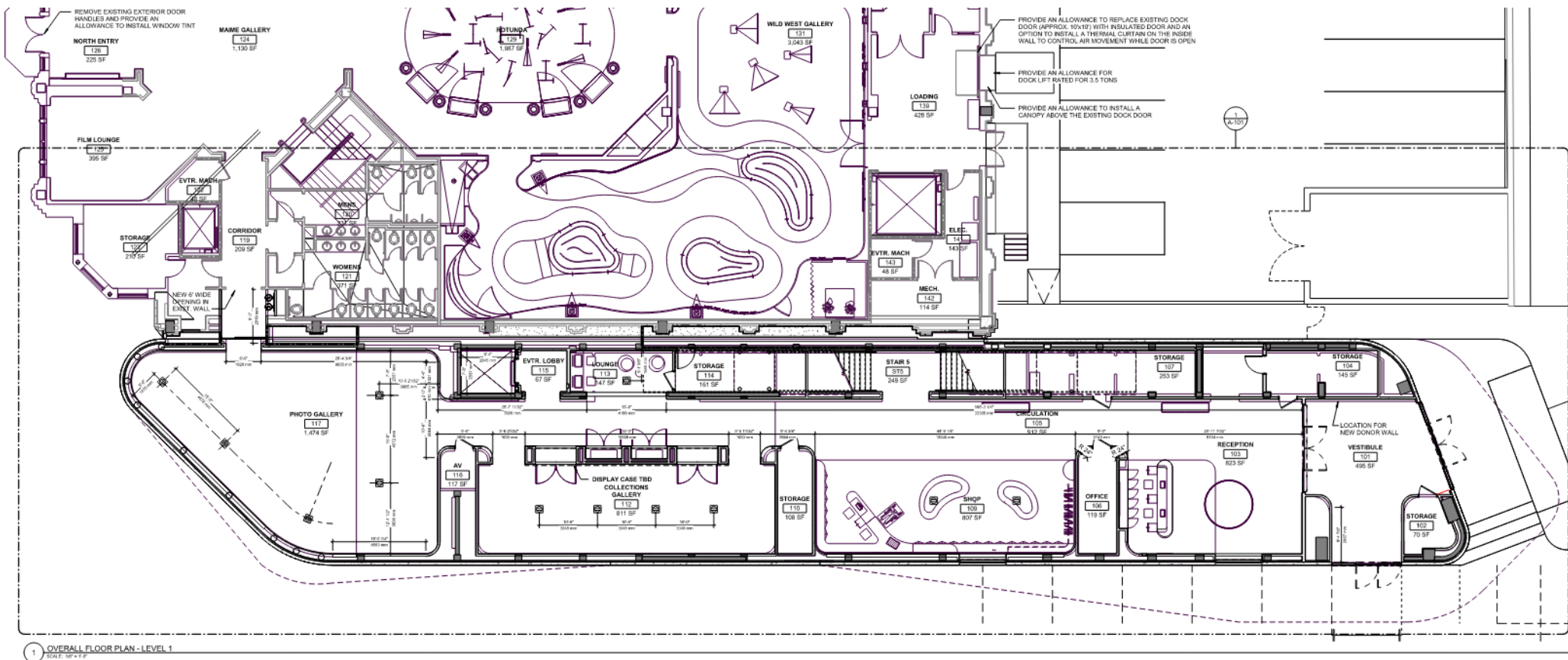


Project Renderings + Floor Plans

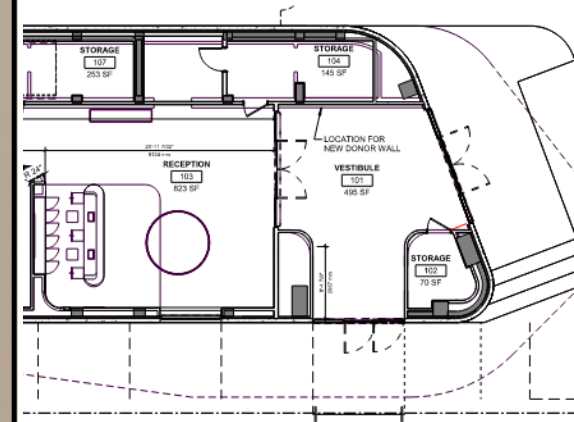


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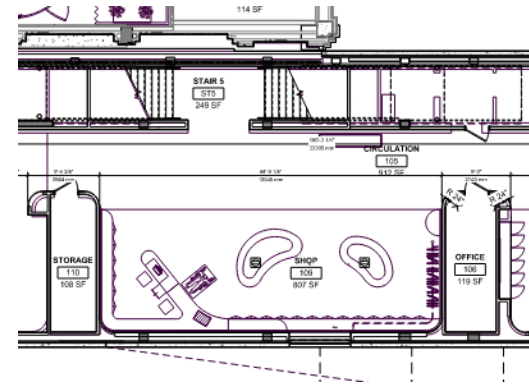
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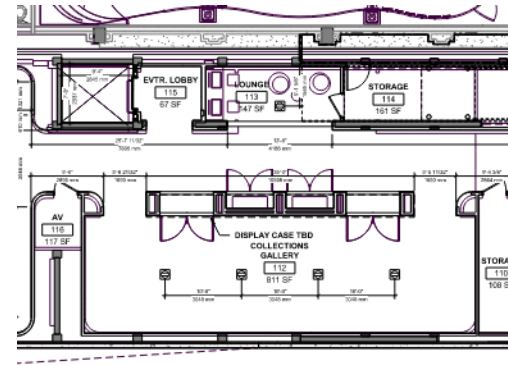
Project Renderings + Floor Plans: First Floor Lobby



Project Renderings + Floor Plans: First Floor Gift Shop

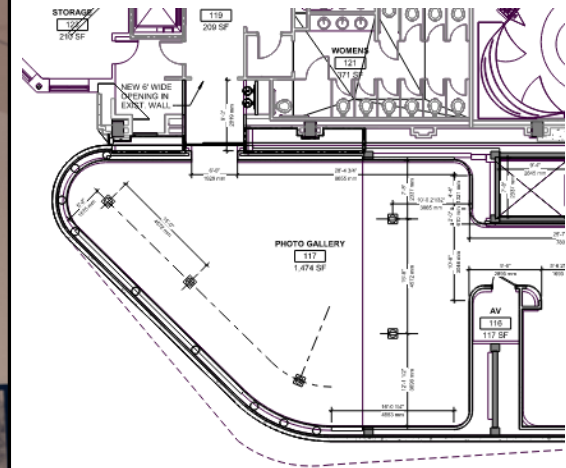


Project Renderings + Floor Plans: First Floor Collections Gallery

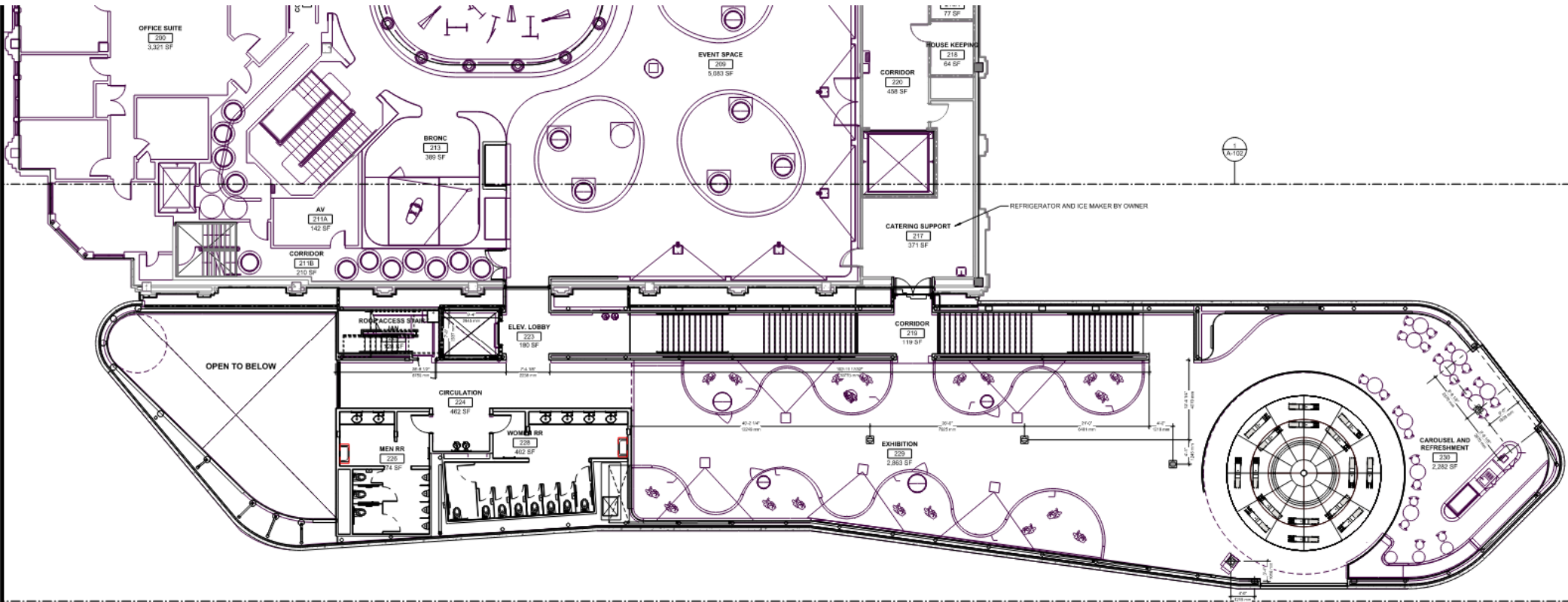


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Project Renderings + Floor Plans



Project Renderings + Floor Plans: Second Floor



1 OVERALL FLOOR PLAN - LEVEL 2
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

Project Renderings + Floor Plans: Second Floor Gallery



Accomplished Project Milestones



Neighborhood Project Review

- *Team sat down with the surrounding neighbors to discuss the project timeline and impacts.*
- *Received feedback from all neighbors about how to minimize disruption to their operations.*
- *Working with surrounding organizations weekly to ensure transparency.*

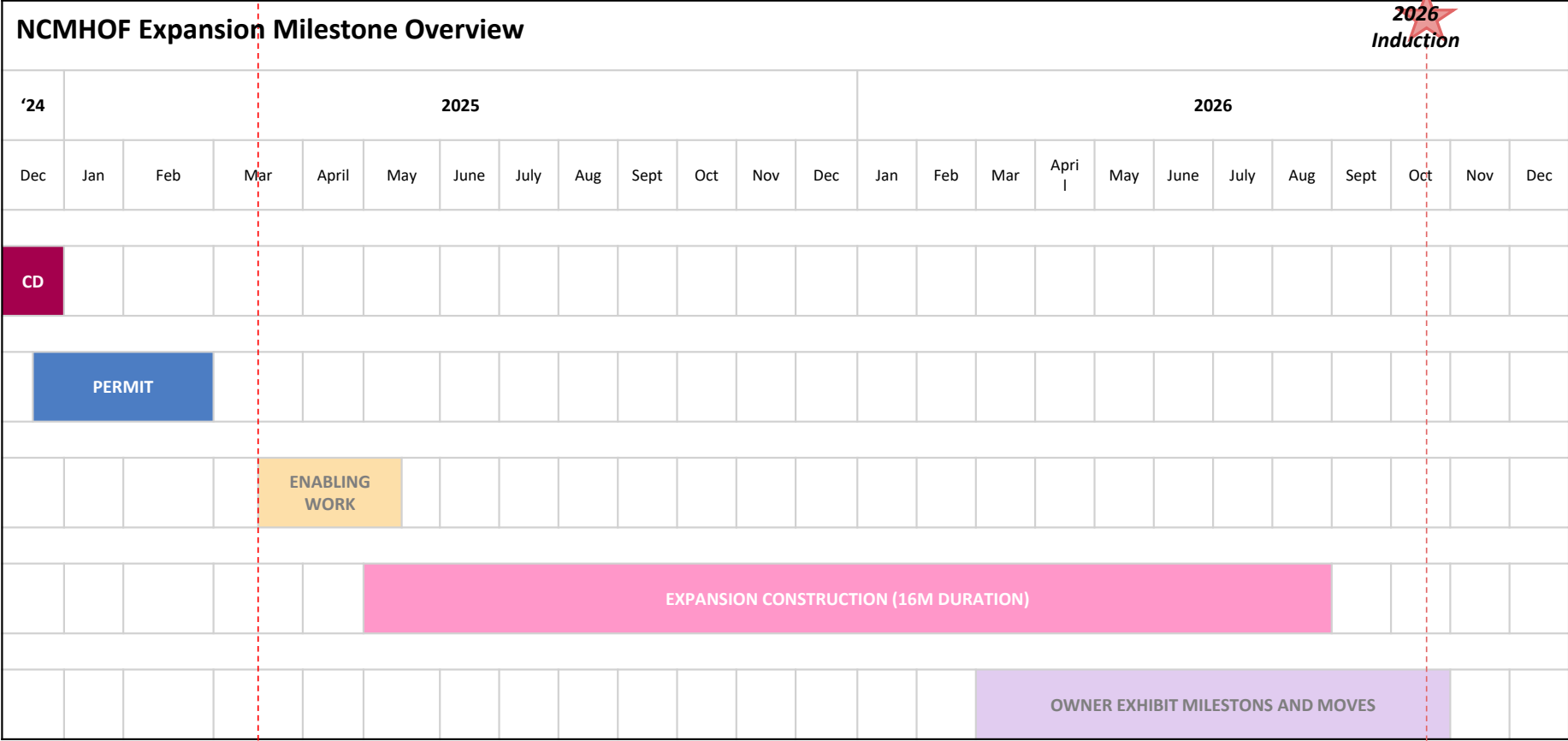
Capital Fundraising \$13.5M

- *NCMOHF Organization has raised over \$13.5M to date.*
- *Overall Project Goal is \$19M.*

Permit Issued Enabling Work Underway

- *100% CD's completed December 20th.*
- *Submitted for permit review with City of Fort Worth on December 23rd.*
- *Permit issued by CoFW*
- *Enabling work under contract. (Relocate Transformer and Employee Parking).*

NCMHOF Expansion Project Schedule



NCMHOF Expansion Capital Construction Project Budget



	CAPITAL BUDGET
CONSTRUCTION COST (PER LINBECK iGMP) (\$4,500,000 under contract per early release)	\$17,500,000
OWNER CONST. CONTINGENCY (2%)	\$350,000
PROFESSIONAL FEES (Architecture/Design)	\$1,650,500
OWNER EXHIBIT RELOCATIONS	\$200,000
TOTAL	\$19,700,000
CAPITAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	OVER \$13,500,000

National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame Summary and Key Points



1. **NCMHOF is operated on city-owned land through a long-standing lease.**
2. **Design for Expansion is complete.**
3. **\$13.5M has already been raised to support the project. Team is working on additional funds.**
4. **NCMHOF Request:**
 - **Requesting \$6.5M from city to help fund the Expansion Project.**
 - **Asking for City Funds Q4 2025**
 - **Funds will support both the NCMHOF Organization and city property.**

