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## **New Camden High School SDA Historic Salvage Recommendations**

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Based upon meetings and discussions with various school district and community stakeholders, including the Camden County Historical Society and the State Historic Preservation Office, SDA is recommending that the following elements of the existing Camden High School facility be salvaged during the demolition phase of the project for reuse through interpretive displays in the New Camden High School Facility:

1. Tower Entrance Surround – Conversations with stakeholders have confirmed that the main entrance tower of the 1916 wing is generally regarded as the most significant identifying element of Camden High School. Further discussions with stakeholders, including a meeting with the Camden County Historical Society on May 3, 2017, have suggested a general consensus that the stone archway which surrounds the tower entrance is considered to be the single most important historic artifact to salvage.

SDA proposes to salvage the entrance surround and provide a new supporting structure for its reconstruction as part of the New Camden High School facility. Current thinking is that this element would be reused as a free-standing interpretive display outside of, within, or as part of the main public entrance lobby in the new facility.

2. Tower Interior Entrance Hall Elements – Recognizing the significance of the entrance tower to the school community, SDA proposes to salvage the following unique original elements from the ground level tower entrance hall for use in interpretive displays in the New Camden High School Facility:
  - a. Two large decorative stone panels which include inspirational quotes
  - b. Two pendant light fixtures which appear to be part of the original construction
  - c. One interior door, frame, and decorative glass transom panels
  - d. A portion of the decorative marble flooring

At this time, it is anticipated that these elements would be incorporated into an interpretive display in the main public entrance lobby of the New Camden High School facility.

3. Decorative Terra Cotta Elements – Although deteriorated over time, much of the character of the original 1916 Camden High School building is derived from the decorative terra cotta elements utilized in its exterior façade. These elements represent a level of art and craftsmanship in building design and construction which no longer exists except in historic structures. SDA proposes to salvage a representative range of these elements for interpretive display in the New Camden High School facility. It is anticipated that a final selection of elements to salvage will be made in conjunction with the District and Demolition Contractor based upon identification of items which are in the best condition and which can be most easily and economically salvaged. Terra cotta items which have been preliminary identified for salvage include the following:
  - a. Buttress Finial
  - b. Window Surround
  - c. Door Surround
  - d. Window Bay Panels
  - e. Decorative Rosettes

4. Gymnasium Floor – Conversations with various community stakeholder groups, including students, faculty, alumni, and other community members have made it clear that sports at Camden High School, particularly basketball, are an important part of the history and tradition which generates pride within and unites the school community. The Camden High School men's basketball team has won numerous state championships

over the years, including two undefeated seasons in 1959 and 1960. The 2000 CHS men's basketball team won the Tournament of Champions which is the equivalent of a national high school championship.

Although not original to the building, the SDA recommends salvage of the center court section (with logo) of the current gymnasium wood floor, along with a smaller section which dedicates the facility to former coach Clarence Turner and legendary alumnus Dajuan Wagner, for display near the entrance to the new gymnasium to be constructed as part of the New Camden High School facility.

5. Telephone Booth – During a tour of the existing facility with SHPO on May 25, 2017, it was noted that, although not original to the building and no longer functional, an old telephone booth in the 1916 building might be worthy of consideration for salvage and reuse simply because many students today have never seen a phone booth other than on TV or in movies. Because the associated cost is relatively low, SDA is recommending that this telephone booth be salvaged for reuse as an interpretive display at a location to be determined in the New Camden High School facility.

#### Other Historic Salvage Recommendations

During the early planning stages of the Project, SDA was approached by representatives of the Camden County Historical Society (CCHS) regarding plans they were developing to support potential display of salvaged items. At that time, SDA made a commitment to consider salvaging certain elements of the 1916 tower and entrance for subsequent reconstruction and display by the CCHS.

On May 3, 2017, representatives of the Camden City School District and the SDA met with the CCHS to discuss and compare both the SDA's and CCHS's historic salvage plans. The CCHS has proposed that SDA salvage the following elements for reuse by the CCHS in interpretive displays in a park area adjoining the CCHS headquarters building in Parkside:

6. Tower Finial Elements – CCHS has requested that the SDA salvage the four finial elements at the top of the 1916 tower. Although the terra cotta cladding of these elements was replaced in 2009, they are representative of the profile of the tower skyline which has become familiar to Camden residents over the years. CCHS proposes to construct new supporting structure and reassemble these elements as interpretive displays within the planned park.
7. Exterior Granite Steps – CCHS has requested that the SDA salvage approximately 14 of the exterior granite steps leading up to the 1916 tower. These elements would be laid to form a low "maze" within the planned park.

It should be noted that CCHS has yet to secure funding for the proposed park project, which has an estimated cost of approximately \$250,000. SDA proposes that an Allowance for salvage and delivery of these items be established in the demolition contract so that a final decision regarding their salvage can be made at a time when the status of funding for the park project is more certain. Based on SDA's current schedule for award of the demolition contract, a determination in regard to salvage of these items would need to be made no later than November 1, 2017.

It should also be noted that the original CCHS park proposal included provisions for reconstruction and display of the tower entrance surround but that this item was not included in CCHS's current plans or budgets. Given the significance assigned to this element, it has therefore been agreed that salvage and reconstruction of the tower entrance surround should be included in the scope of work for the New Camden High School being advanced by the SDA.

Salvage Items Order of Magnitude Estimate

The following is an order of magnitude estimate of the cost to salvage the identified items, including the estimated cost for reconstruction and incorporation of items identified for reuse in the New Camden High School facility and transport and delivery costs for the items identified for salvage and reuse by the Camden County Historical Society.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description and Location</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Estimated Salvage and Reuse Costs</b>
1.	Exterior stone surround at 1916 tower entrance	Reuse as free-standing interpretive display as part of main community entrance lobby	\$160,000
2.	Interior Elements of 1916 Tower Entrance Hall	Reuse as an interpretive display in main community entrance lobby	
2.a	(2) decorative stone wall panels		\$40,000
2.b	(2) pendant light fixtures		\$3,000
2.c	Interior wood door, frame and transom panels		\$10,000
2.d	Interior decorative marble flooring in tower entrance hall	Assumes approximately 10 ft. x 10 ft. area	\$15,000
3.	Decorative Terra Cotta Elements	For interpretive display in new building (location TBD). Final selection of elements to be made in conjunction with District and Demolition Contractor after award of contract.	
3.a	Terracotta buttress finial		\$20,000
3.b	Terracotta window surround		\$10,000
3.c	Door transom and surround		\$20,000
3.d	Terracotta panels at window bay		\$10,000
3.e	Rosette at door surround		\$5,000
4.	Gymnasium Floor – Center court logo and small dedication section of floor	For display along with other sports memorabilia near entrance to new gymnasium	\$15,000
5.	Telephone Booth	Location in new facility TBD	\$2,000
<b>Total Order of Magnitude Estimate SDA Recommended Historic Salvage Items – Salvage and Reuse (Including Contingency)</b>			<b>\$350,000 +/-</b>
6.	Tower Finial Elements	Removal will require extensive scaffolding and a crane. To be reconstructed for interpretive display as part of CCHS proposed park project	\$325,000
7.	Exterior granite steps at Tower approach	Approximately 14 steps to be used in maze element as part of CCHS proposed park project	\$30,000
<b>Total Order of Magnitude Estimate CCHS Items – <u>Salvage and transport only</u> (Including contingency)</b>			<b>\$425,000 +/-</b>