World Trade Center Steel Temporary Installation Project

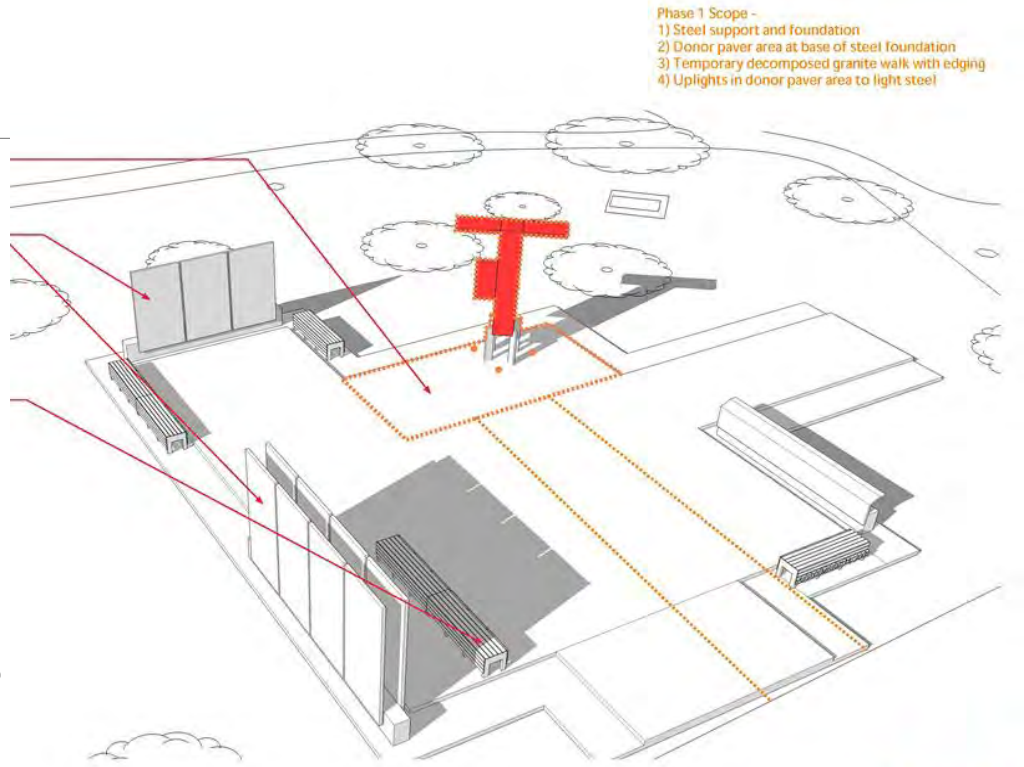
JULY 18, 2022

Background

- Rubenstein family brought multiple pieces of steel back to Houston.
- Steel given to the Houston Fire Museum, who then donated to us.
- City Council accepted the steel in June 2017.
- Bellaire SW Rotary donated $7,500 to the City for the conceptual planning studies.

Background

- Conceptual designs presented to Council in October 2018.
- Current citizen stakeholder group formed in January 2019.
- Stakeholder group agreed upon a minimalistic phased approach of the third conceptual design ($50,000 - $60,000).
- Fundraising strategy discussions to develop a final plan to be presented to Council.



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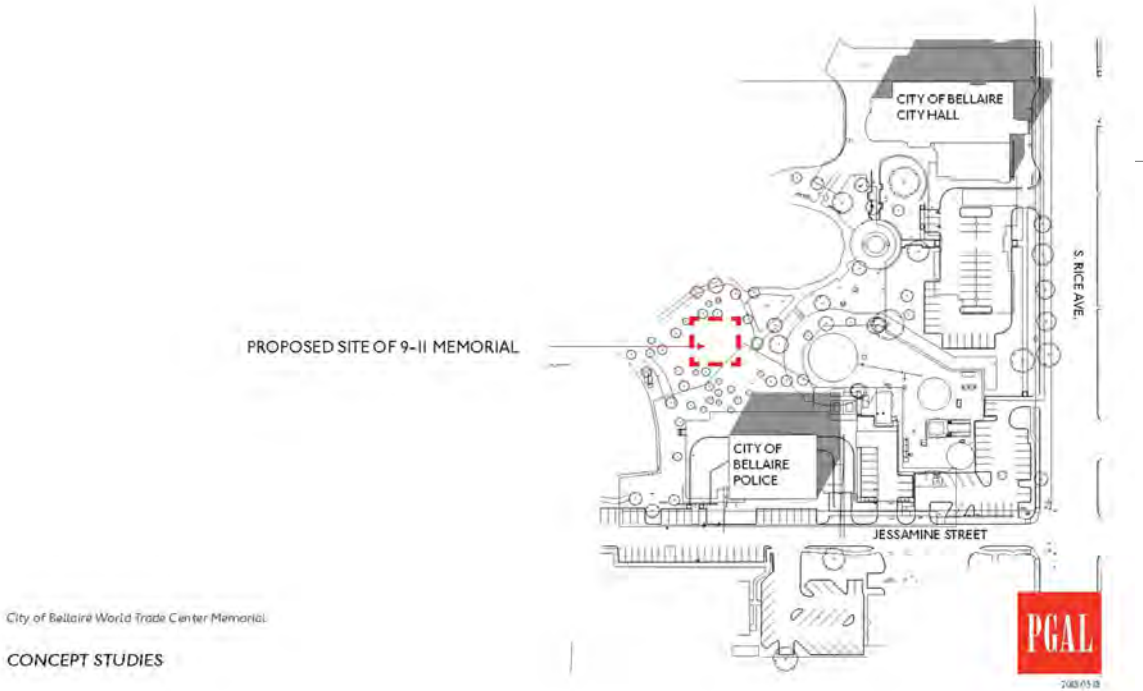
Stakeholder Group

- Bellaire SW Rotary
- Rubenstein Foundation
- PATRONS for Bellaire Parks
- Parks Advisory Board
- Culture and Arts Board
- Bellaire Police Department
- Bellaire Fire Department
- Parks, Recreation & Facilities Department
- City Manager's Office



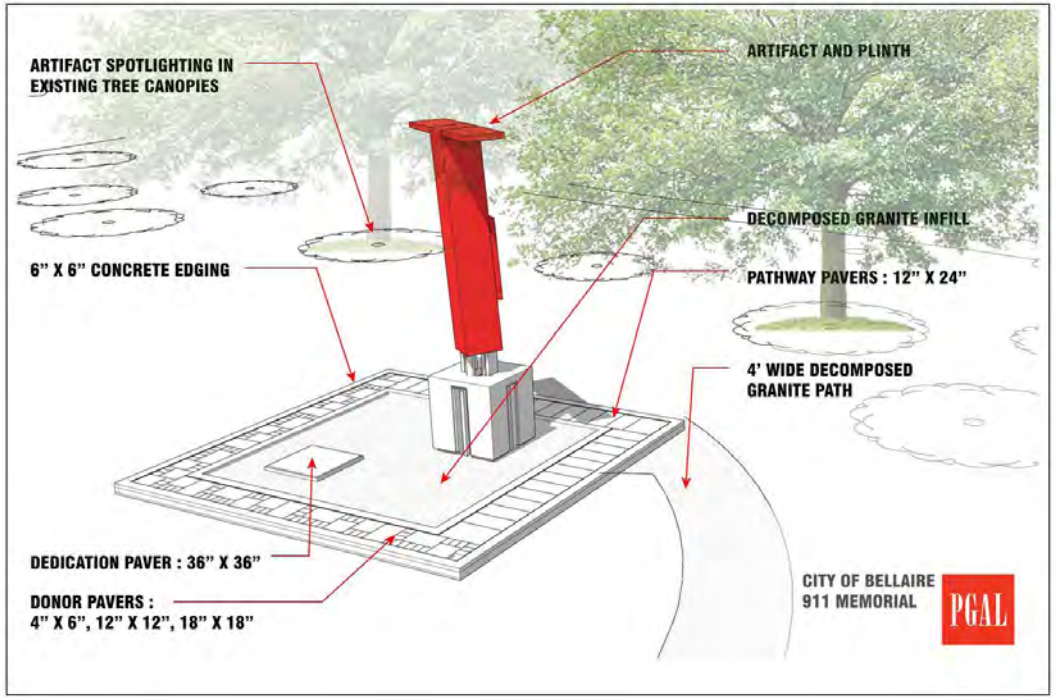
Proposed Permanent Location
Bellaire-Zindler Park

Background

- Stakeholder meetings were paused due to the pandemic in March 2020.
- The steel was loaned to the Lone Star Flight Museum for 9/11 20th anniversary exhibit in July 2021.
- The Lone Star Flight Museum exhibit opened in September 2021.

Background

- The stakeholder group began to develop a plan to further reduce the cost of a permanent display to $25,000 or less.
- The steel was returned to the City in February 2022.
- Currently stored at fire station.



Proposed Temporary Installation

- Temporary location in grassy right of way between fire station and library.
- Reuse geo webbing removed from Bellaire Blvd. parking lot for pad site.
- Piper Whitney Construction to donate labor and remaining materials to build out pad site.
- Public works to place the I-beam on the prepped pad site.

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- Sign to be added once funding secured.
- Bellaire SW Rotary Club considering underwriting $2000- for the signage.
- Stakeholders will work together to develop message on signage and create a virtual exhibit.
- I-beam can be moved once final plan and funding strategy has been approved by Council.

Cost

Reuse geo webbing material - $0

Whitney Parker Construction donate labor and materials for pad site - $0

Installation of I-beam on pad site in-house - $0

Signage – Bellaire SW Rotary considering $2000 donation

University of Houston
9/11 Memorial

Next Step

Questions and Feedback