Hancock Neighbors:

I would like to share with everyone a note sent to me from an individual who has submitted a backup offer on the Perry estate.  I personally contacted this couple to make inquiries about their intent after learning of their interest in the property.

Sharon Jones

“Ms. Jones, your information is correct with regard to my interest in purchasing the Perry Estate located at 41st and Red River. Last Tuesday, November 16th, my wife Andrea and I submitted a formal "Intent to Purchase" letter to the owners. Although It would not be appropriate for me to discuss the specific terms of our offer, I can assure you it is a legitimate one which includes a letter from our bank verifying that our net worth supports the proposal.

With regard to your other questions, it is our intent to utilize the historic estate as our family's permanent residence while allowing the existing school operation on the property to remain intact. Furthermore, we have no intention whatsoever to change the current zoning of the property to allow for commercial use,  but would instead pursue an historic designation to preserve the existing structures. It is our sincere desire to restore the estate to it's original grandeur in a way that preserves and protects the integrity and fabric of the surrounding residential neighborhood.

As a matter of background, it is unfortunate that we were not aware that this unique property was for sale until recently. It is our understanding that our proposal is exactly the type mutually beneficial offer the owners and the neighborhood were hoping to receive. It is disappointing that another less desirable offer was accepted prior to ours. Nevertheless, we remain optimistic that our offer will still be fully considered since it contains all the elements all the interested parties desired.

Finally, it is worth noting that Andrea and I have a long history supporting preservation in Austin. Andrea is a native of  Austin who currently serves on the Heritage Society Board and was an original founder of the preservation group, Inherit Austin, serving as the organization's President. We also spent over 3 years carefully restoring our current home in Old Enfield which was built in 1922 and recently received an historic designation from the Austin City Council.

I hope I've answered some of

your questions. Please feel free to contact me if necessary. Best regards,”

Dean McWilliams