

August 7, 2019,

*Dear Honorable Mayor Rene' Kemper and City of Douglas Council Members,*

Thank you for participating with us in premiering ***Born to Rein*** and hosting the wonderful event in Washington Park on June 11, 2019. The new signage and upgrades are wonderful. We were delighted to have been introduced to George Smith and Larry Gomez and hear their first-hand accounts of how Sir Barton" came to rest in Washington Park.

As historians, Jody and I, work to research and tell "untold stories" so you can imagine how delighted we were to hear the "rest of the story." ***At the conclusion of the event at the park, Larry remarked to us, "If anyone challenges you and says that it isn't Sir Barton buried under that statue, have them come and talk to me."*** He shared that he helped bury Sir Barton's remains and placed his skull in the grave with the halter attached.

It resonated with us immediately that these conversations should be recorded and preserved for the local archives and historical centers. It also shows how the local businesses and community came together on this project back in the late 60's and is a testimony of community spirit, pride and citizenship.

***The American Doorstop Project Productions, LLC. (ADPP, LLC.) would like to submit the following proposal for consideration to the City of Douglas;***

**Proposal:**

- ADPP LLC., timeline allows us the opportunity later this August or early this September to;
  - Professionally film the oral history testimonies of;
    - George Smith and Larry Gomez who were directly related in the project of burying of Sir Barton.
    - Updates of Sir Barton statue, Washington Park buildings and signage upgrades.
  - Develop, edit and provide a full copy of the professionally produced interviews for the City of Douglas to make available for the local community archives. City of Douglas may use the interviews however they determine for promotion and preservation.
  - Include the filmed, edited and produced narratives contextually as a "Bonus Feature" in the ***Born to Rein*** DVD.
    - We are currently finalizing and putting together our "Bonus Features."
- Goal; Capture local history before it is forgotten and those who were involved in the project pass away.

**Proposal Project Budget: \$5000.00**

- Budget for ADPP LLC., to do the following;
  - \$1750.00 – Development, travel and expenses for film team and filming interviews with George Smith and Larry Gomez in relationship to the process of burying Sir Barton in Washington Park. Film updates at Washington Park of buildings, signage and statue.
  - \$2400 – Professionally editing, uploading, formatting and copying interviews. ADPP LLC., will provide a DVD of the full interviews and filmed updates at Washington Park; buildings, signage, statue.
  - \$850 – Coordination, writing, scripting, distribution of interviews for;

- City of Douglas
  - Born to Rein; Bonus Feature
- Budget monies to be provided to ADPP LLC., upfront, in order to engage film crew, editing and coordination of project.

Thank you for considering our proposal to preserve and protect local history. The “untold story” of Sir Barton’s final resting place is heartwarming and of “national significance.” The City of Douglas is to be commended for your stewardship of Sir Barton’s legacy during the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Triple Crown.

Let us know if you have any questions or need more information. It would be an honor to include these interviews in the “Bonus Feature Section” of the DVD and then available for future editing.

With Great Appreciation,  
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