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## **Courtyards Preserved**

**Rio Grande City, Texas (April 4, 2017)** - The Rio Grande City EDC and Rio Grande City Main Street strives to enhance the unique character of Rio Grande City Downtown's Lopez-Tijerina and Kesley Bass Courtyards. Winter Texans and locals who enjoy the outdoor ambiance frequently visit these courtyards.

Exposure to the elements over many years necessitated the restoration of the visual and physical integrity of the masonry at the Lopez-Tijerina and Kesley Bass Courtyards. Mortar had been lost in several locations on various walls throughout both courtyards.

"It is important for us to sustain, protect and conserve the heritage of our beautiful city for future generations," said Dave "Chachi" Jones, RGC City Commissioner and Rio Grande City EDC Board Member.

"Restoration and maintenance of both historic courtyards is essential to boost and foster the growth of the downtown community," Dalinda Guillen, Rio Grande City EDC Executive Director said.

In keeping with the original construction of the historic buildings in the Rio Grande City Historic District, a special mortar mixture was needed. This mixture consists of a component ratio with more lime and keeps it comparable to historic mortar standards.

For more information about the Rio Grande City EDC, call (956) 487-3476 and the Rio Grande City Main Street Program call (956) 488-0047 or visit [www.rgcedc.org](http://www.rgcedc.org).

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