



Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 06/20/2016

Re: Approval of property management agreement between the John William Boone Heritage Foundation and the City of Columbia.

Executive Summary

This will approve a property management agreement between the City and the J.W. Boone Heritage Foundation who will curate the Blind Boone Home.

Discussion

The Blind Boone Home is a cultural landmark within Columbia and commemorates the life of one of Columbia's most well known residents, John William "Blind" Boone. Blind Boone was the son of a former slave who overcame blindness, poverty, and discrimination to become a nationally known composer and concert pianist. The J.W. Blind Boone Heritage Foundation will curate Blind Boone's home as a museum and tourism destination for the City and receive \$15,000 from the Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The Office of Cultural Affairs will operate as a liaison between the City and the J.W. Blind Boone Heritage Foundation.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$30,000 (not General Fund)

Long-Term Impact: \$15,000 annually (not General Fund)

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Character, Secondary Impact: Arts and Culture, Tertiary Impact: Community Pride and Human Relations

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Approve the property management agreement.