



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 18, 2023

Re: Report – Request for “Historic Sharp End” honorary street name signs

Executive Summary

Staff has received a formal written request to designate selected street intersections as the “Historic Sharp End” district through the use of secondary, honorary street name signs. Council may direct staff to prepare a resolution for Council consideration authorizing the signs, which would be attached to the existing primary street name signs.

Discussion

Staff has received a written request from representatives of the Sharp End Heritage Committee; Downtown Community Improvement District; Regional Economic Development Inc.; and Central Missouri Community Action to designate the Historic Sharp End district through the placement of brown and white, secondary street name signs placed under the primary street name signs at four intersections: Fifth & Walnut; Sixth & Walnut; Fifth & Ash; and Sixth & Ash. (Correspondence attached) Council may direct staff to prepare an appropriate resolution authorizing the placement of these signs.

In December 2021 the City Council reviewed a draft honorary street naming policy that would establish some guidance for requests to name, rename, or add names to existing streets and alleys. Feedback received at the time indicated that the Council was satisfied with an administrative policy that would not necessarily need to be codified. A copy of the recommended guidelines is attached, with the highlighted line in the table indicating the applicable category for the Historic Sharp End request.

The Historic Sharp End honorary name is consistent with the criteria for use of secondary street signs, which may commemorate an historic or notable place, person, or event; or signify a historic street name. The City Council has taken actions to recognize the significance of the Sharp End as the historic black business district through the placement of a commemorative marker and its inclusion on the African-American Heritage Trail. The street signs will help mark the historic location of the district.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Minor cost for four additional street signs

Long-Term Impact: Enter the cost of proposed legislation to the city for years **beyond two**.



Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action

Suggested Council Action

Direct the City Manager & staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the installation of Historic Sharp End secondary street signs at the intersections of Fifth Street and Sixth Street with Walnut Street and Ash Street.