

Mayor Brian N. Treece
City of Columbia
701 E Broadway
Columbia MO 65205

August 4, 2017

Re: Budget Request for FY 2018

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

On behalf of the Historic Preservation Commission and its history volunteers, I am pleased to submit this FY 2018 budget request for your consideration. Some, though not all, are requests for one-time funds.

As a team we have discussed the opportunities presented by the upcoming Centennial of the Daniel Boone Tavern and the Bicentennial of the City and County to engage the public and create a culture of preservation among our citizens. We hope to build upon the proactive work of prior commissions and commission chairs. We see the promise of collaborating with our sibling organizations: the State Historical Society, the Boone County Historical Society, the Columbia Cemetery, the Blind Boone Foundation, the Sharp End Committee, the Booneslick Road Committee, the Daniel Boone Regional Library and the history departments within Columbia schools and our colleges and the University. Many hands make light work and ultimately wider involvement does a better job of bringing all of our history forward, not just the history of the dominant culture.

We believe that we can marshal our volunteer resources (more than 100 people who have participated in our salvage projects and attended our walking tours) by asking them to reach out to their neighborhoods to bring others into these discussions and activities. History is about building relationships and the best way to learn about people, events and places outside of our individual sphere is to make that personal connection voice to voice and face to face.

Attachment A shows 4 priorities in a particular order.

Priority One A: Legislative Changes for Encouraging Preservation **\$5,875.00**

The recently enacted Uniform Development Code left important business unfinished as it pertains to historic preservation, namely encouraging the preservation of historic structures downtown and addressing the preservation concerns of the small footprint and historic homeowners and residents in the core neighborhoods surrounding downtown. I attended many of the Planning & Zoning hearings and most of the Council meetings and work sessions on the UDC. There was considerable tension, which erupted from time to time at the podium and in the corridor, surrounding the enactment of the form-based code downtown and the limits of neighborhood protections for homes in R-2 and R-MF neighborhoods. In seeking to partner with the city-recognized core neighborhood associations, the Downtown Community Improvement District and the Downtown Leadership Council, we propose to engage with our neighbors in a process that includes bringing forward concerns and the airing of new ideas in a public forum process, followed by engaging the services of a trained facilitator to build

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consensus on recommendations to bring forward through the process path to the Planning & Zoning Commission and ultimately for your City Council consideration.

Our budget request includes the services of a trained facilitator to be selected in conformance with city policy and procedures and the incidental expenses to get everyone in the room and ready to roll up their sleeves.

Priority One B: Grant Match \$8,000.00

We have been encouraged by the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to continue to apply for grants for additional neighborhood surveys. We also desire to have matching funds available to contribute funding along with others, i.e. the State Historical Society or the Boone County Historical Society, for the preservation and protection of the physical archives/bound volumes of the former Columbia Tribune Publishing Company should those archives be released by the present owner. (The decision to release these archival materials is currently under consideration in Gatehouse Media's law department.)

Priority Two: Promoting Historic Businesses and Businesses in Historic Structures \$1,755.00

Building upon the economic impact study performed by Development Strategies at the HPC's request, we'd like to follow the lead of other cities who identify and promote, through targeted events, not only businesses in historic structures but historic businesses in continuous operation in historic structures. These funds provide us with a match to coax other organizations who are similarly aligned in small business promotion, including the community improvement districts and the Chamber of Commerce, to join us in this important endeavor.

Priority Three: Programming for the Centennial and the Bicentennial \$9,100.00

We are on draft 4 of The Historian's Toolkit, a series of workshops, up to 5 annually, that will span the 3 years leading up to the bicentennial of the City and Boone County. It's a living document that is edited as good ideas are cultivated from a wide range of citizens. Year one proposes a series of workshops that assist our citizens in discovering and researching the history that most interests them. We envision forming multi-generational teams including middle and high school students, citizens of all ages, and interns from the MU Department of History. Year two proposes to bring persons with display expertise to the research generated by our citizens to help them form exhibits and gallery displays to engage their neighbors whose history differs from theirs. Year three proposes to encourage and assist neighborhoods and other cohorts to celebrate their history in a way that creates a legacy for their neighborhood. What that legacy will be depends upon the interests and desires of that neighborhood. We don't propose to dictate what history individuals and small groups should explore, we propose to empower our citizens to identify the history that's meaningful to them within the context of the City and the County. We believe our programming efforts will contribute to and further the social equity goals within the city's strategic plan.

Key to the Historian's Toolkit effort is appreciating our workshop leaders with modest honorariums.

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A county-wide committee is under formation to create a celebratory event commemorating the legacy of the Daniel Boone Tavern and what it has meant to civic life. Our seed money of \$4,000.00 is a starting point, a match for additional underwriting by businesses, individuals and our sibling organizations who share this legacy with us.

The Inaugural Cornerstones of Columbia Celebration was underwritten by Central Bank of Boone County and the two owners of the buildings we honored. Central Bank of Boone County has offered to underwrite additional plaques. We propose to absorb the expenses of the next celebration so that a wider range of structures might be included as potential recipients.

Our walking tour program, offered in 2014, 2015, and 2016, has become a local favorite. To keep enthusiasm high, we would like to cover the expenses of our volunteer hosts who create handouts and to provide our hosts with the base script and research materials at no additional cost to them.

Priority Four: Salvage, Repurpose and Technical Assistance **\$1,500.00**

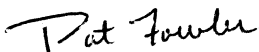
While the pending demolition of a beloved historic structure is disappointing, we understand individual property rights. In order to be ready to undertake a salvage such as the ones granted by the owners of the James and the Bull Pen Café, we need to cover expenses for consumables that protect our volunteers and for the truck we rent to haul the salvage to the storage barn that the City and Parks and Rec provide (at no cost) to us.

Further, we would like to advance the costs of a celebratory, fundraising auction event when we offer for sale the more unique items from each of these salvage projects and any prospective salvage we may undertake this coming year. The proceeds of the September 2016 salvage sale and subsequent donations, less our direct expenses, are held in a Historic Preservation line item account (a match fund for preserving historic building facades) with the City of Columbia New Century Fund, Inc.

In summary, the Historic Preservation Commission is committed to doing the work, this year and over the next three years, to promote historic preservation of structures, to engage our neighbors in this shared endeavor of identifying and celebrating our history, and to promote healing among and between those of us who have been both advantaged and disadvantaged by the legacy of our local history.

We thank you for your every consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Fowler
Chair

cc: HPC Commissioners, City Manager, City Clerk
Enclosure: Attachment A

	Letter to Council Attachment A		category total
Priority 1	Legislative changes for encouraging preservation		\$5,875.00
	Professional facilitation for up to 3 meetings, prep and debrief	\$ 4,500.00	
	Copies, postage, advertising, meeting room materials	\$ 700.00	
	Refreshments @ \$2.50 per person times 3 meetings	\$ 375.00	
Priority 1A	Grant match		\$8,000.00
	SHPO application for neighborhood survey		
	Cost share/match re preserving Tribune Archives		
Priority 2	Promoting historic businesses and business in historic structures		\$1,755.00
	Advertising @ \$300.00 per event	\$ 900.00	
	Copies, mailing @\$35.00 per event	\$ 105.00	
	Refreshments @ \$250.00 per event	\$ 750.00	
Priority 3	Programming for the Centennial and Bicentennial		\$9,100.00
	DBT Centennial Celebration (seed money)	\$ 5,000.00	
	Honorariums for speakers (5) for The Historian's Toolkit series	\$ 1,250.00	
	Meeting expenses @ \$35.00 per workshop	\$ 175.00	
	Advertising @\$300.00 per workshop	\$ 1,500.00	
	Second Cornerstones of Columbia Celebration	\$ 1,075.00	
	Walking Tour promotion and copies	\$ 100.00	
Priority 4	Salvage, Repurpose and Technical Assistance		\$1,500.00
	Truck rental @\$95.00 per day	as needed	
	Respirators, gloves, trash bags, consumables @\$12.00 per volunteer	as needed	
	Pop up workshops, window restorations how to's, promotion and advertising	as needed	
	Copies, mailing	as needed	
	Auction event to sell specialty items from James and Bull Pen	\$ 1,000.00	
	Total budget request from Historic Preservation Commission for FY 2018		\$26,230.00