



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

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To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 2, 2017

Re: North-Central Columbia Neighborhood Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant – Phase II

Executive Summary

Approval of this resolution would authorize the City Manager to submit a FY 2018 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant application in the amount of \$20,000 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to fund an architectural and historical survey of the northern portion of the North-Central Columbia neighborhood. Preservation fund grants are awarded on a 60:40 maximum federal – minimum local matching basis (\$12,000 Federal funds, and \$8,000 local match).

Discussion

This survey would allow the City to hire a qualified consultant to conduct an architectural survey of the neighborhood bounded by Business Loop 70 to the north, Wilkes Boulevard to the south, College Avenue to the east, and Providence Road to the west. The proposed boundary includes roughly 115 acres and includes approximately 140 residential properties, in addition to 50 commercial properties, one church, two shelters, Eugene Field Elementary School and David H. Hickman High School.

The majority of these properties meet the age requirement (50 years) for designation as historic properties. This survey will supplement Phase I of the North-Central Columbia Survey, which included the area just north of downtown. The middle portion of the North-Central neighborhood is a likely candidate for a future survey, but was not chosen by the Historic Preservation Commission for study in FY 2018. The Commission anticipates increased development pressure in the northern portion of the neighborhood in coming years, and believes that the northern portion of the neighborhood should be a priority at this time.

Within the proposed survey boundary, there are pockets of highly intact residential properties, traditionally home to the African-American and working class communities, warehouse areas, educational facilities, and traditional commercial structures. Another aspect of note for the North-Central neighborhood, as a whole, is the role and relationship of the former Southern Railway/Norfolk Southern railroad line (now COLT Railroad) to the development of the area. This relationship is a significant piece of the story of growth and development of Columbia's industrial and business community. The railway is located just outside of the proposed boundary; however, its influence likely played a role in shaping all of North-Central Columbia.

The North-Central Columbia Neighborhood Association has sought a historical survey of the neighborhood since formation of the Association in 1993. The neighborhood association has indicated support for the project. Due to the cost-prohibitive nature of surveying the entire



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North-Central neighborhood, the area has been divided into three parts. The southern portion of the neighborhood, consisting of 220 properties, was surveyed in FY 2016 for the same cost.

The Historic Preservation Commission discussed this application at its September 6, 2017 meeting and offered its unanimous support for the grant application and the choice of survey area.

The proposed local match for this project will come from the Historic Preservation Commission's annual budget. In-kind resources may also be used, in the form of staff time for project management, to meet the local match requirement.

The Historical Preservation Commission has delivered three previous architectural surveys using the HPF match funds grant program (Garth's Addition, East Downtown/Locust, and North-Central Phase I).

A copy of the pre-application for the survey (submitted 8/31/17 for SHPO review) and locator maps are attached.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The net fiscal impact of an award would be \$8,000 in local funds.

Long-Term Impact: No long-term costs are anticipated.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impacts

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation

Legislative History

Date	Action
8/1/2016	Approved grant agreement Phase I North-Central Columbia Historic Survey (Ord. 022885)



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Suggested Council Action

Authorize the City Manager to sign and submit the application for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) grant, in the amount of \$20,000, to complete the Phase II North-Central Columbia Neighborhood Architectural Survey.