



Department Source: Community Relations

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 18, 2016

Re: African American Heritage Trail

Executive Summary

This report is information only and describes plans for the Sharp End Heritage Committee to work with the Department of Parks and Recreation to gradually mark sites on and formalize an African American Heritage Trail.

Discussion

Last May members of the Sharp End Heritage Committee and a group of private and public partners (including the City of Columbia) recognized the former Sharp End business district with a historical marker. The marker was privately funded. Parks and Recreation installed the marker in the public right-of-way (north side of Fifth and Walnut garage) and will maintain it.

The Committee plans to designate more sites in central Columbia with privately funded markers which, as long as they are in the public right-of-way, can be installed and maintained by Parks and Recreation. The Department also will work with the Committee to formally plot a trail that has been in the making for several years.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Costs can be absorbed into the Parks and Recreation Department's existing budget.

Long-Term Impact: Costs can be absorbed into the Parks and Recreation Department's existing budget.

Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Character, Secondary Impact: Community Pride & Human Relations, Tertiary Impact: Parks, Recreation and Greenways

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Social Equity, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

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

Legislative History



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Date	Action
None	No previous history

Suggested Council Action

Accept the report and allow the Parks and Recreation Department to work with the Sharp End Heritage Committee to map the route and install and maintain markers, as they are funded by private sponsors.