



Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: October 16, 2017

Re: Report- Proposed Resolution Establishing a Mayor's Task Force on Bi-Centennial Celebration Planning

Executive Summary

At the request of Council, staff has prepared a proposed resolution establishing a Mayor's Task Force on Bi-Centennial Celebration Planning.

Discussion

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA CREATING THE MAYOR'S TASK FORCE FOR BI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PLANNING

Taking this opportunity to establish a task force to plan events, organize fundraising and secure speakers that celebrate; the bicentennial of the Village of Smithton and Columbia, Missouri, the centennial of the Boone Tavern and Hotel, and the creation of Founders Park.

WHEREAS, in 1818, a group of settlers, incorporated under the Smithton Land Company, purchased over 2,000 acres and established the Village of Smithton less than a mile from current day downtown Columbia; and

WHEREAS, in 1821 the settlers moved, because of lack of water, across the Flat Branch to the plateau between the Flat Branch and Hinkson creeks in what is now the downtown district and renamed the settlement Columbia; and

WHEREAS, in 1917 The Daniel Boone Hotel and Tavern opened and was considered the best hotel between Kansas City and St. Louis, at the time; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia City Council approved the purchase of the property at 32 S. Providence Road for future improvements which may include the expansion of Flat Branch Park, public transportation and streetscape improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project has a working name of Founder's Park as the City of Columbia originated in this area and expanded out to the current boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration will work towards the goal of planning diverse and inclusive citywide events to be held from 2018 through 2021 to celebrate and commemorate the City of Columbia's, the Village of Smithton's and The Daniel Boone Tavern and Hotel's, 100th and 200th anniversaries and the creation of Founder's Park through opportunities within the city, using both historical and educational events to honor Columbia's rich history; and



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WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration is hereby created for the purpose of coordinating, budgeting, organizing sponsorship, and marketing the 100th and 200th anniversaries of the City of Columbia, the Village of Smithton and The Daniel Boone Tavern and Hotel and the Creation of Founder's Park; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor shall appoint a diverse and inclusive group of members to the task force which should be comprised of individuals from Columbia's residents, the business community and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration may appoint committees to lead event planning, speaker's bureau organization, fundraising, public improvements and other activities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration members shall receive no compensation for their service during this time; and the task force will dissolve once the celebrations are completed; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration will work with Columbia Public Schools, Boone County, The Boone County Historical Society, The Columbia Historic Preservation Commission, Columbia Convention and Visitors Bureau, Columbia Parks and Recreation and the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Task Force for Bi-Centennial Celebration will engage the community in planning for the celebrations and should make every reasonable effort to promote diversity and inclusivity when seeking community input.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Columbia City Council establishes a Mayor's Task Force for Centennial Celebration Planning, with the necessary staff liaison assigned by the City Manager, with the following duties and responsibilities:

SECTION 1. Plan citywide events that are historical, educational and honor Columbia's rich history, which will be held from 2018 through 2021 to celebrate and commemorate the City of Columbia's, the Village of Smithton's and The Daniel Boone Tavern and Hotel's, 100th and 200th anniversaries and the creation of Founder's Park.

SECTION 2. Coordinate, budget, organize sponsorship, and market the events that celebrate the 100th and 200th anniversaries of the City of Columbia, the Village of Smithton and The Daniel Boone Tavern and Hotel and the Creation of Founder's Park.

SECTION 3. Engage the community in planning for the celebrations.



Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A

Strategic and Comprehensive Plan Impacts

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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

Legislative History

None.

Suggested Council Action

This report is informational. Council may wish to direct staff to bring back a resolution for action at a future meeting.