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November 20, 2023

Mr. Timothy Teddy  
City of Columbia  
Community Development Director  
P.O. Box 6015  
Columbia, MO 65205

RE: Sharp End Street Signs  
Sharp End Historic Business District  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Teddy:


Please accept this letter as a formal request on behalf of the organizations noted below to add a recognition of the "Sharp End" to the city street signs in the Sharp End Historic Business District.


We would like the signs to include text at the bottom that says "Historic Sharp End." An example, based on other historic street name signs in Columbia, is attached.

Please let us know if you need anything else regarding this request.

Sincerely,

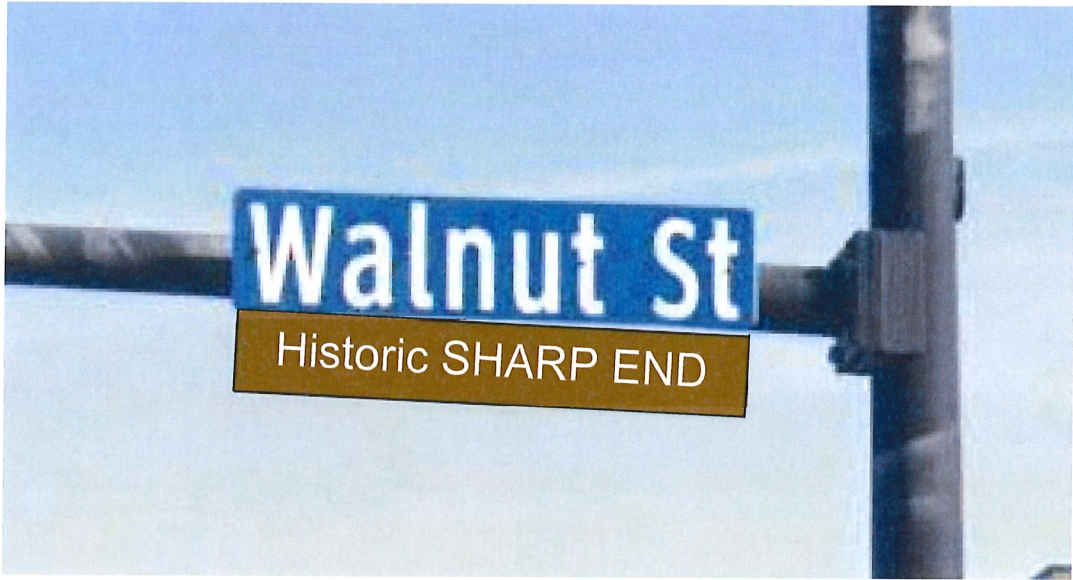
  
Barbra Horrell  
Sharp End Heritage Committee

  
Nickie Davis  
Downtown Community  
Improvement District

  
Benjamin A. Ross  
Regional Economic Development, Inc

  
Darin Preis  
Central Missouri Community Action

Enclosure: Emails from July 24, 2023  
Example sign text



Example Street Sign

## Benjamin Ross

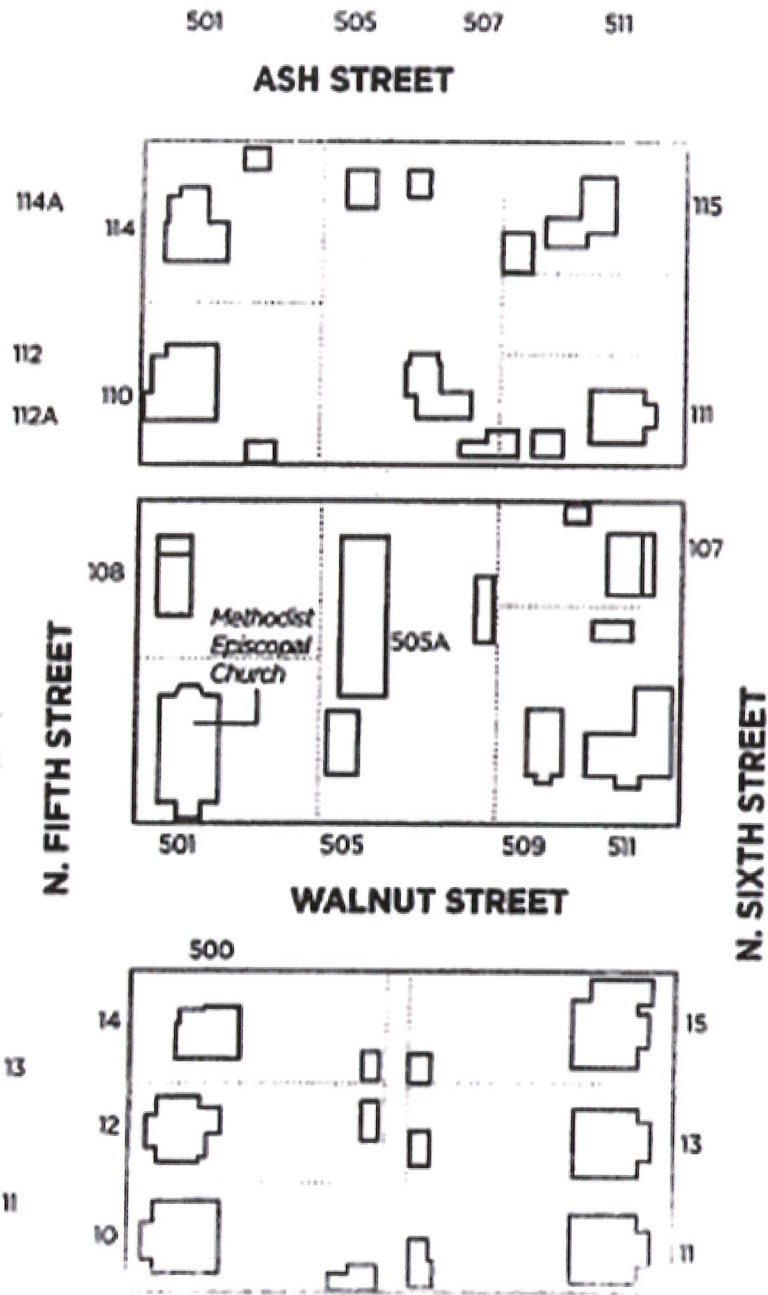
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**From:** Benjamin Ross  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 3:13 PM  
**To:** Timothy Teddy; Shane Creech  
**Cc:** De'Carlon Seewood; Stacey Button; Todd Hoiem  
**Subject:** RE: REDI - Sharp End business district street sign idea  
**Attachments:** Sharp End Business Dist - GE reduced.pdf; Sharp End Tribune Insert.pdf

Hi Tim,

Based on the attached information, I was including all the street signs at:


5<sup>th</sup> & Walnut  
6<sup>th</sup> & Walnut  
5<sup>th</sup> & Ash  
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Thanks,  
Ben



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**From:** Timothy Teddy <Timothy.Teddy@como.gov>

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2023 3:08 PM

**To:** Shane Creech <Shane.Creech@como.gov>

**Cc:** Benjamin Ross <bross@ess-inc.com>; De'Carlton Seewood <decarlon.seewood@como.gov>; Stacey Button <Stacey.Button@como.gov>; Todd Hoiem <thoien@hawthornbank.com>

**Subject:** Re: REDI - Sharp End business district street sign idea

Ben,

Let us know which streets, and the locations for the historic Sharp End street signs. Are you including North Fifth, North Sixth, and the 500 block of East Ash in addition to Walnut?

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On Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 2:42 PM Shane Creech <[Shane.Creech@como.gov](mailto:Shane.Creech@como.gov)> wrote:

Ben,

I have included Tim Teddy in this conversation. Community Development has a process to add historical names which he can speak to better than myself. Seems like the City has done several of these the last few years.

Thanks,

Shane S. Creech, P.E.  
Public Works Director  
City of Columbia, Missouri  
[Shane.Creech@CoMo.gov](mailto:Shane.Creech@CoMo.gov)

On Mon, Jul 24, 2023 at 2:25 PM Benjamin Ross <[bross@ess-inc.com](mailto:bross@ess-inc.com)> wrote:

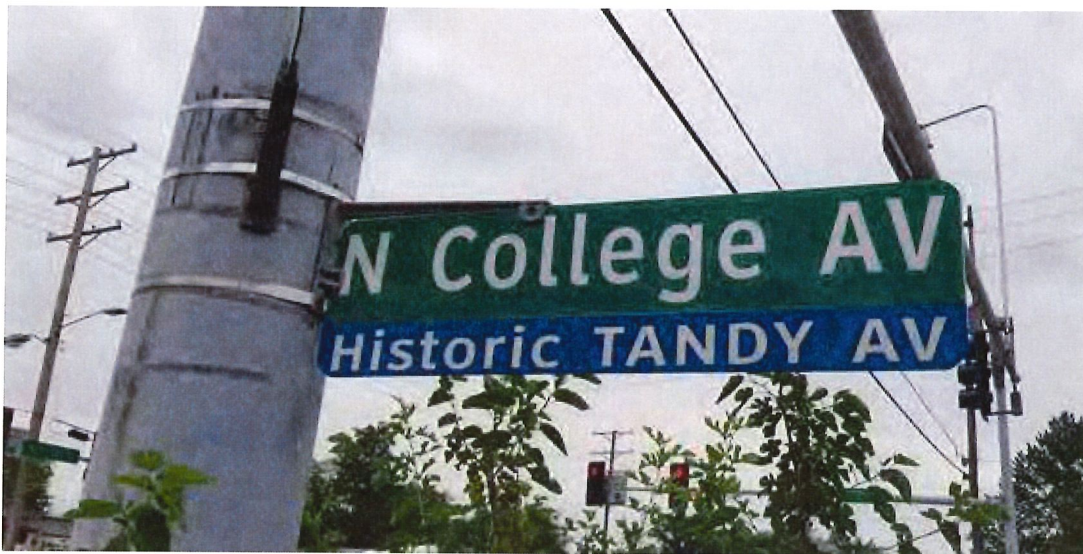


Hi Shane:

In my capacity as REDI Board Chair, I have regular meetings with De'Carlon about various REDI related issues. We met earlier today and one of the items we talked about was possibly adding information about the historic Sharp End business district to the street signs in the area.

We do not have a recommendation on the exact wording or sign colors but would like to learn more about the process to modify the street signs. De'Carlon asked that I send you this information and ask for your feedback on the process to change the street signs, cost, etc.

I had something like this in mind:




# Walnut St Sharp End


Thanks,

Ben



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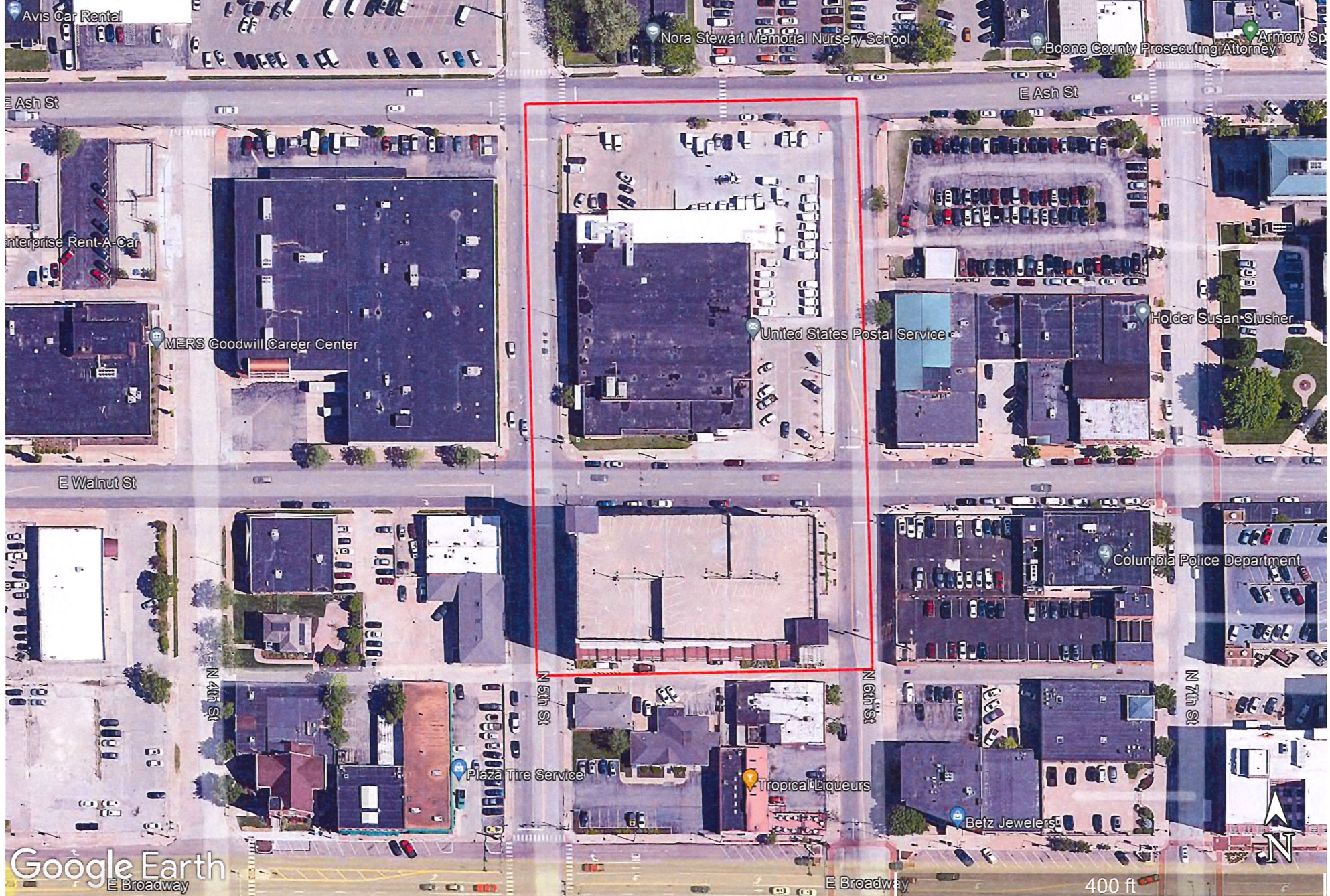
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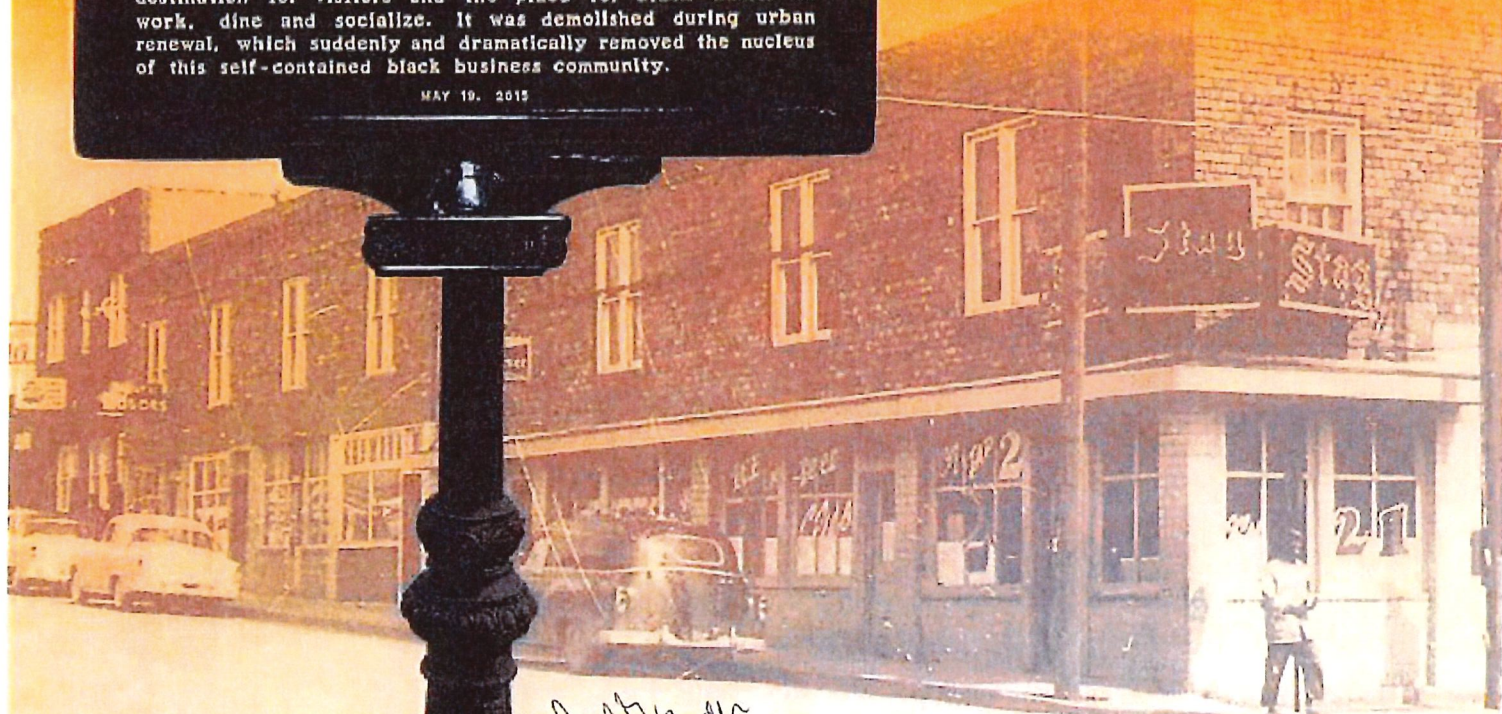
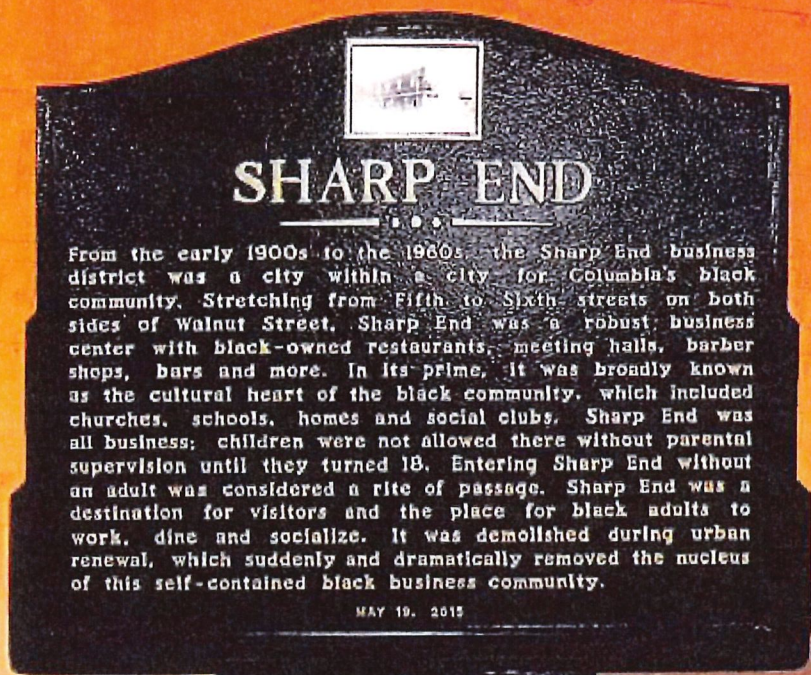
# Sharp End Business District





# Columbia's Historic Sharp End

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