



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

Re: Resolution Establishing a Task Force for Property located at 411 E. Broadway

## Executive Summary

The City purchased property at 411 E. Broadway, referred to as the McKinney building. This resolution will establish a task force of community members who will work with City staff and University staff and students to gather community input on potential future uses of the building. This task force will use collected community input to recommend future plans for uses of the building to council.

## Discussion

The council approved the purchase of the McKinney building, located at 411 E. Broadway, during the August 7, 2023, regular council meeting.

As noted at the August 7 meeting, the McKinney Building is a cultural landmark within Columbia. It has represented the social, educational, religious, and civic life of Columbia's Black population for decades. The McKinney building is on the Boone County Historic Preservation Commission's list of notable properties. Since the August 7 meeting, the community has had great interest in the best way to move forward with the use of the building.

Comments from community members thus far include a Black business incubator, a stage to highlight jazz music, a museum dedicated to Columbia's black history, and many other uses. Community input will be invaluable in the decision-making regarding the use of this building and grants will be pursued as a source of funding for the renovation of the building.

The purchase of the building was finalized in October 2023. City Staff will partner with the University Of Missouri Department Of Architectural Studies to work with students and a community committee in identifying potential uses for the building. There will be many opportunities for public input and feedback on potential uses of the building.

The Task Force for the McKinney Building will be composed of fifteen (15) members. Members shall represent diverse industries of the community that reflect the history of the building, including historians, experts in Columbia's local Black history, music studies, and downtown businesses. Their duties and responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, working with staff to collect public input in a transparent and accessible manner. Based on public input and input from MU Department of Architectural studies, this task force shall forward formal recommendations to City Council. Upon council approval of final plans, this task force shall be dissolved.

The Department of Architectural studies has provided a scope of work in an attached report.



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## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A  
Long-Term Impact: N/A

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Safe Community,  
Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Inter-Governmental  
Cooperation, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
August 21, 2023	B193-23 – Authorizing a real estate contract with Richard J. Rother, Jr. and Kimi Rother for the purchase of property located at 411-413 E. Broadway; amending the FY 2023 Annual Budget by appropriating funds.

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Resolution.