



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: April 15, 2024

Re: John William "Blind" Boone Home - Exterior Improvements

Executive Summary

Setting a public hearing, authorizing improvements to the exterior of the John William "Blind" Boone Home. The proposed improvement project will include roof maintenance, siding replacement, repairs to the upstairs porch, and painting of trim, railings, and shutters. The project has a total budget of \$80,000 and is funded by a \$20,000 General Fund transfer in FY2022 and a \$60,000 General Fund transfer in FY2023. All portions of the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department and completed with contract labor. The exterior improvements are scheduled to begin fall of 2024, with an anticipated completion date of spring of 2025.

Discussion

The John William "Blind" Boone Home is located at 10 North 4th Street. On July 2, 2003, the U.S. Department of the Interior's National Park Service individually listed Boone's home on the National Register of Historic Places. The City of Columbia entered into a property management agreement with the John William Boone Heritage Foundation on June 20, 2016 in order to complete interior improvements to the home and develop a long-term plan for the management of the home. As part of the agreement, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for exterior maintenance of the home and all mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire suppression systems inside the home.

The Parks and Recreation Department is requesting City Council approval of a resolution to set a public hearing authorizing exterior improvements to the John William "Blind" Boone Home. The proposed project will include roof maintenance, siding replacement, repairs to the upstairs porch, and painting of trim, railings, and shutters.

Park staff held a public input meeting at the Blind Boone Home on Sept. 19, 2023 to discuss the project with the community. Staff met with citizens to discuss the proposed plans and gain feedback about the exterior improvements. The public had an additional opportunity to provide comments about the project via BeHeardCoMo from Sept. 13, 2023 to April 2, 2024. All feedback from the public input meetings and BeHeardCoMo.gov are included with this Council memo and can be found at the [CIP web page](#). The comments received were predominantly in support of the project and concerns raised were taken into account and addressed by gaining project approval from Columbia's sole Architectural Historian, Deb Sheals.

Park staff introduced the John William "Blind" Boone Home Exterior Maintenance project to the Parks and Recreation Commission on Jan. 18, 2024. After a discussion of the project, the



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commissioners voted to endorse the project and recommended that Council approve the plans as presented.

The proposed exterior improvements to the Blind Boone Home include the following:

1. Contract labor will be used to inspect the cedar shake shingle roof, remove and replace any damaged shingles and apply a protective coating to the entire roof.
2. Contract labor will be used to remove the existing wood siding and replace it with an approved matching concrete board siding product. This portion of the work will also include installation of new trim around the fascia, doors, windows, and corners of the home.
3. Contract labor will be used to remove and replace the upper porch railing. The contractor will be responsible for matching the new railing exactly with the style of the existing railing.
4. Contract labor will be used to repaint the shutters and all surfaces that are not replaced with new materials.

All colors associated with the improvements listed above will match the existing building colors.

The proposed exterior improvements have a total cost of \$80,000 and are funded by a General Fund transfer of \$20,000 in FY2022 and a General Fund transfer of \$60,000 in FY2023. Materials and contract services for the project will be bid through the City's Purchasing Department. The exterior improvements are scheduled to begin fall of 2024, with an anticipated completion date of spring of 2025.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The total project budget is \$80,000 and is funded by a General Fund transfer of \$20,000 in FY2022 and a General Fund transfer of \$60,000 in FY2023 to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Long-Term Impact: Park staff anticipates a decrease in annual maintenance expenses upon completion of this project due to the protective coating applied to the roof and the concrete board siding which is impervious to termites and doesn't require painting.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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



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Legislative History

Date	Action
06/20/16	R86-16: Authorizing a property management agreement with the John William Boone Heritage Foundation relating to the John William "Blind" Boone home. Blind Boone Home Management Agreement

Suggested Council Action

Approve the resolution setting a public hearing authorizing the exterior improvements at the John William "Blind" Boone Home.