



Department Source: Community Development - Planning

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 16, 2024

Re: Resolution Authorizing "Historic Sharp End" secondary street signs

Executive Summary

Staff has received a formal written request to designate selected street intersections as the "Historic Sharp End" district through the use of secondary, honorary street name signs. A resolution for Council consideration authorizes the signs, which would be attached to the primary street name signs.

Discussion

Staff has received a written request from representatives of the Sharp End Heritage Committee; Downtown Community Improvement District; Regional Economic Development Inc.; and Central Missouri Community Action to designate the Historic Sharp End district through the placement of brown and white, secondary street name signs placed under the primary street name signs at four intersections: Fifth & Walnut (four signs); Sixth & Walnut (four signs); Fifth & Ash (four signs); and Sixth & Ash (two signs). (Correspondence attached) Council motioned to direct staff to prepare a resolution authorizing placement of the signs at its December 18, 2023 meeting.

The Historic Sharp End honorary name is consistent with the criteria for use of secondary street signs, which may commemorate an historic or notable place, person, or event; or signify a historic street name. The City Council has taken actions to recognize the significance of the Sharp End as the historic black business district through the placement of a commemorative marker and its inclusion on the African-American Heritage Trail. The street signs will function to further memorialize and educate the public on the historic location of the Sharp End.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Minor cost for fourteen additional street signs at four intersections

Long-Term Impact: Enter the cost of proposed legislation to the city for years **beyond two**.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



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Legislative History

Date	Action
December 18, 2023	Report to Council; motion to proceed

Suggested Council Action

Direct the City Manager & staff to prepare a resolution authorizing the installation of Historic Sharp End secondary street signs at the intersections of Fifth Street and Sixth Street with Walnut Street and Ash Street.