

HISTORIC DESIGNATION

Ordinance Fact Sheet

180877

Ordinance Number

Brief Title _____ **Approval Deadline** _____ **Reason** _____

Estimating revenue in the amount of \$18,000.00 in the General Fund and appropriating it to the Historic Preservation Fund Grant account of the General Fund.

Details

Positions/Recommendations

Specific Address
Citywide

Sponsor Jeffrey Williams, AICP
Director, City Planning and Development

Programs, Departments or Groups Affected

Reason for Project
To create an African American Heritage Trail to link historic sites and raise awareness of the significance of African American Heritage sites in Kansas City.

Applicants/Proponents Kansas City Historic Preservation Commission, Historic Kansas City Foundation, Black Archives of Mid-America

Discussion
Kansas City’s African American heritage has a rich and long history beginning with first settlements at the Town of Kansas and expanding to the small communities such as Steptoe, Hell’s Half Acre and Belvidere. As segregation became more prominent, the 18th and Vine Area African American cultural significance grew quickly. There are numerous sites related to civil rights, such as the Swope Park Pool, Shelter #10, and numerous historic African American Churches. The proposed project would connect all of these sites through an African American Heritage Trail that would tell the story of the African American Experience in Kansas City. The project would rely on existing properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places, as well as other properties identified through research and public input. Another component would be to allow visitors to share their experiences and post them to website such as StoryCorps or possibly in conjunction with the Black Archives.
<https://storycorpsme.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/2015/05/Start-a-Community.pdf>. The StoryCorps website allows the public to create specific groups or subjects to upload oral histories. The oral histories would hopefully spur further research and identify new sites to include in the future.
The grant would cover research services for the sites, brochure printing and to hire a contractor for web design. The match would be through staff time and volunteers.

Opponents **Groups or Individuals**
None Known
Basis of opposition

Staff Recommendation
 For without conditions – see recommendation portion of this fact sheet.
 Against
Reason Against

Board or Commission Recommendation
 For Against No Action Taken
 For, with revisions or condition
(see details column for conditions)

Council Committee Actions
 Do pass
 Do pass (as amended)
 Committee Sub.
 Without Recommendation
 Hold
 Do not pass

Details

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Policy/Program Impact

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| Policy or Program Change | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Operational Impact Assessment | |

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| Cost & Revenue Projections – Including Indirect Costs | \$18,000 |
| Financial Impact | |
| Fund Sources(s) And Appropriation Account Codes | 19-1000-640000-475070 19-1000-642392-B |
| Staff Comment: | <p>No undue or unnecessary delays in the development process causing hardship to the applicant.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPC recommended approval on 02-07-2017 |

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Reviewed by:

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Planning Director

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