



Historic Preservation Commission

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TO: Historic Preservation Commission
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RE: **ITEM #3 -- Discussion & Decision - 2017 May Preservation Month Activities**

Historic Preservation Commission Task

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| Discussion | -- The Commission will continue its discussion on the logistics of organizing the walking tour, Strawberry Lawn Fete and Graves/Hale Preservation Award for the next May Preservation Month celebration. |
| Decision | -- The Commission will decide on the specific dates and times, responsibilities, and other relevant businesses for the 2017 May Presentation Month activities. |

Background

May Preservation Month: Each year, the HPC holds activities in celebration of May Preservation Month. As a part of the HPC's and CLG's public education effort, activities are primarily designed to increase public awareness of the community's rich history, educate the public about the importance of historic preservation, and recognize organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the history of this community.

2016 May Preservation Month Activities: During May of 2016, the HPC offered two separate activities – Strawberry Lawn Fetè and Art and Artifacts Fair. At the Strawberry Lawn Fetè, the Graves/Hale Award was presented to Longview Farm Elementary School. The Art and Artifacts Fair was held at the newly opened Lee's Summit Historical Museum.

HPC Work Program

II. Public Awareness and Education

C. May Preservation Month: Beginning in September of each year, the HPC will establish a public information and education project for the next year's Lee's Summit May Preservation Month activities in association with the National May Preservation Month. The purpose is to provide an educational outreach activity pertaining to historic preservation in the community including its historic buildings and historic events. The HPC may set up a subcommittee to explore the feasibility of such a project, define the project, develop an activity schedule and budget and establish the role of the organizing members or committees in completing each of the steps by April of each year.

HPC Meeting Summary

The HPC at its October meeting proposed to hold its annual Strawberry Lawn Fetè in May of 2017 and honor Jackson County with the Graves/Hale Preservation Award in recognition of its effort to secure the Rock Island Railroad right-of-way for regional trail/rail system across several jurisdictions including Lee's Summit. At its November meeting, the HPC voted unanimously on the Graves/Hale award recipient, as proposed. In addition, the HPC voted to offer a walking tour of historic homes as another May Preservation Month activity.

Commission Task

The HPC will decide the dates/times and other logistics of the activities for the 2017 May Preservation

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