

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION REQUEST FOR REALLOCATION OF FY 2013-14 FUNDING**

**BACKGROUND:**

On February 12, 2013, the City Council allocated \$3,000 in the FY 2013-14 Budget towards a community education program for the Ames Historic Preservation Commission. This was in response to a request from the Historic Preservation Commission that the City Council allocate funds to conduct community-wide education involving historic preservation. During the current fiscal year, the Commission has expended \$200 of the \$3,000 reserved for educational activities, leaving a balance of \$2,800.

Attached is a letter from the Historic Preservation Commission requesting that the Council carry over the remaining balance to the new fiscal year. The letter explains that this funding would be used for an educational project involving plaques on historic buildings in the Main Street Cultural District. The plaques are to contain historical and architectural information and an illustration of architectural elements. The funds would be used for education programs and for the design, fabrication and installation of plaques.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the carryover of \$2,800 from the FY 2013-14 Budget to FY 2014-15 for community-wide education involving historic preservation.
2. Choose not to approve the carryover of this funding.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The Historic Preservation Commission has initiated a use of these funds to enhance community-wide education in the area of historic preservation, and that effort will extend into the new fiscal year. Approval of this request is appropriate to assist the Commission in completing this project.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the Council approve Alternative #1, thereby approving the carryover of \$2,800 from the FY 2013-14 Budget to FY 2014-15 for community-wide education involving historic preservation.

June 17, 2014

Mayor and City Council

515 Clark Ave

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Mayor and Council,

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) respectfully requests that the City Council allow the HPC to carry over the remainder of the special \$3,000 allocation from FY 2013-14. This amount is approximately \$2800.

The HPC has begun work on an educational project involving plaques on historic buildings in the Main Street Cultural District. Initially the project would be limited to Main and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets. This work will not be completed in the current fiscal year. This work is being done by a collaborative committee comprised of two HPC members, two MSCD members and an ISU Graphic Design faculty member. Leadership has come from the HPC. Students from the graphic design class have assisted in the design of the plaques. These plaques will contain historical and architectural information and an illustration of architectural elements. Each plaque is individually designed for a particular building. A second phase of the project is establishing a QR code tour which would include Main Street area buildings and the 5<sup>th</sup> Street brick piers.

The HPC requests that the money be carried over to FY 2014-15 to be used for design, fabrication and installation of the plaques. On behalf of the HPC, I am happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.



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