

Introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ Council Bill No. R 148-08

**A RESOLUTION**

authorizing an agreement with the Boone County Historical Society for operating a museum and maintaining and making improvements to the Maplewood Home and other historic buildings in Nifong Park.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with the Boone County Historical Society to operate a museum and to maintain and improve the Maplewood Home and other historic buildings in Nifong Park. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof as fully as if set forth herein verbatim.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Counselor

## AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008, by and between the City of Columbia, Missouri, a municipal corporation (hereinafter "City") and the Boone County Historical Society, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation (hereinafter "Historical Society").

The Parties agree as follows:

1. Historical Society shall operate a historical museum at its facilities located at 3801 Ponderosa Drive, Columbia, Missouri and shall maintain established museum visiting hours for the public of at least eighteen (18) hours per week, April through October and at least ten (10) hours per week November through March.
2. Historical Society shall maintain and make improvements to the Maplewood Home and adjoining buildings as indicated in Attachment "A" and as budgetary constraints allow.
3. Upon execution of this Agreement, City shall pay Historical Society the sum of Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$6,500.00).
4. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of its execution and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year first above written.

### CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
H. William Watkins, City Manager

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fred Boeckmann, City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify there are funds available in Account No. 110-5440-541.49-60 to cover the above expenditure.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lori B. Fleming, Finance Director

**BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



## Boone County Historical Society

### Walters-Boone County Historical Museum

3801 Ponderosa Street  
Columbia, MO 65201

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Attachment "A"

*Preserving the Past for the Future*

**Gary L. Smith**  
*President*

**Deborah Harmon**  
*1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President*

**Tom Mendenhall**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President*

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**Deborah Thompson**

*Office Manager*  
**Catherine Stranimier**

*Assistant Curator*  
**Jamie Strawn**

25 January 2008

Rebecca Stidham  
Management Support Specialist  
Parks Management Center  
1507 Bus. Loop 70 West  
Columbia, MO 65202

Dear Rebecca Stidham,

With the assistance of the City of Columbia, the Boone County Historical Society has put City funding to use in administering the Maplewood Farm Historic Site and the Gordon Cabin, located in Nifong Park, and continued to use the services of a caretaker to assist in the operations of the museum and upkeep of the Site.

Working closely with Parks and Recreation, the Society will continue to developing the Historic Village in Nifong Park. Plans are now being put into effect to bring the Ryland House to the Park.

John Feters performs an invaluable service for both the museum and Nifong Park. In addition to the work he does as caretaker and his assistance with events, he provides 24 hr security to the museum and park buildings.

For FY2008, we would like to request \$6,500 for the continued upkeep of Maplewood House, the outbuildings and the Gordon Cabin and \$14,000, approximately 50% of salary and benefits, towards the caretaker's salary. We appreciate the support of the City of Columbia and the working relationship that exists between the Parks and Recreation Department and our organization.

Looking forward to working with you during another successful year of serving the community.

Sincerely,

Deborah Slade Thompson  
Executive Director, Boone County Historical Society

CC: Mike Griggs  
Mike Hood

*Received*  
JUN 25 2008

**Boone County Historical Society  
3801 Ponderosa Street  
Columbia, Missouri 65201<sup>1</sup>**

Gary Smith, President, 445-1642  
Deborah Thompson, Director, 443-8936

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Boone County Historical Society (BCHS) is to collect, study, and preserve artifacts; to recognize historic sites; and to interpret and disseminate information pertaining to the history of Boone County, for the education and enjoyment of the county's residents and the general public.

It is our goal to regularly mount exhibits in the Walters-Boone County Historical Museum, Montminy Gallery, and Maplewood house;

To initiate and support appropriate celebrations and meetings honoring the memory of the pioneers and citizens of Boone County;

To engender pride in the rich history of Boone County and in the state of Missouri;

And to foster an appreciation for the cultural diversity of Boone County.

The goals of the Society also embrace cultural conservation in order to encourage the dynamic continuation of local arts, crafts and traditions.

The Walters-Boone County Historical Museum, Montminy Gallery, and Maplewood house jointly contain a **collection of over 5000 historical artifacts, 750 works of art, and 565,400 photographic negatives**

The society is committed to the proper care and preservation of this collection. The society's museum Director, Deborah Slade Thompson, has 18 years experience in museums such as the Alabama Historical Archives and History Museum; the Dr. Francis Museum, Jacksonville, Alabama and the University of Missouri's Museum of Art and Archaeology and Anthropology Museum. Ms. Thompson; John Fetters, Caretaker and Security; and Jamie Strawn, Assistant Curator work with a core volunteer group of over 100 members and representative of the City of Columbia to operate and maintain the Historic components of Nifong Park. Excluding holidays, The Walters-Boone County History Museum is open 20 hours a week April through October and 16 hours a week November through May. During the summer, there are two-three paid interns serving as guides to the village and assisting with events. Funding for these interns comes from income generated by tours and sales.

Excluding Caretaker John Fetters and the paid interns, approximately 350 hours of staff and volunteer time are spent in the interest of the Maplewood House and adjoining city-owned buildings.

**Gordon/Stephens Lake Cabin**

BCHS will work in partnership with the City of Columbia to provide programming, maintenance and routine care for the cabin. A weaving loom, spinning wheel and other textile related tools have been placed in the loft in anticipation of window placement. While this is not an accessible space, we have a videographer that is filming events and technology processes for educational purposes and to give virtual access to spaces in historic buildings that are not physically accessible.

**Maplewood House and adjoining buildings**

In addition to the routine cleaning and maintenance that occurs six times a year, the house will receive some needed repair to the brick walkway. The Maplewood Holiday tour will feature toys and games appropriate for the interpretation date of the house, 1877-1927. We are working with playwright Mary Barile to bring another original readers theatre production to the holiday celebration and there will be an arts and crafts holiday sale and activities for the children. The routinely scheduled care and maintenance on the carriage house will be performed.

The potential movement and restoration of the Shotgun House, currently located at Garth and Worley, is being planned for. If this addition to the history village does occur, then BCHS will work with others to interpret the building and develop appropriate exhibits to tell the story of the Shotgun House, its residents and the community that it was part of.

**John Fetters** services are described in Exhibit "A" of the agreement between the City of Columbia and the Boone County Historical Society. John Fetters Salary and Benefits for 2009 is projected to be \$27,734.94

**Performance Measures:**

<b>Museum Attendance</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>Anticipated 2008*</b>
<b>Visitors</b>	20525	22,043	24,420**
<b>Students</b>	534	542	850***

\*Based on the first 5 months of 2008, this estimate is realistic.

\*\* Based on the 11% increase experienced in the first six months of 2007.


\*\*\*Based on the projected increase of students visiting Boone Village.

Source

Agenda Item No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mike Hood



**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager and Staff   
**DATE:** June 25, 2008  
**RE:** Historical Museum Operation and Improvements Agreement

**SUMMARY:** This resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Boone County Historical Society. This agreement will authorize the City to pay to the Society \$6,500 for services rendered and improvements to the historic buildings at Nifong Park.

Fiscal Impact

YES x

NO

**DISCUSSION:** In the Department of Parks and Recreation's FY-2008 budget, the City Council approved spending \$6,500 for maintaining museum hours and for administering the Maplewood Farm Historic Site located at Nifong Park. This money will be provided to the Boone County Historical Society for interpretive programs and improvements to the buildings and grounds associated with the Maplewood site.

Attached is a letter from the Historical Society outlining their operation and improvement plans for Fiscal Year 2008 and request for \$6,500. This is the same level of funding support as in Fiscal Year 2007.

**SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:** Approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign agreement.

Other Info.

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