Process of Becoming a Most Notable Property

1. Fill out nomination form found at: http://www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development/planning. It is due in the fall.

2. The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) reviews nominations and recognizes up to 10 properties as a Most Notable Property (MNP) each year.

3. MNPs are announced at the Most Notable Properties Program, held in the early spring. Each MNP owner is presented a plaque to display on their building or site.

4. Information about the property is collected and shared with the public on the HPC’s Interactive Historic Map (participation on map is encouraged but not required) and is also shared with the public in a brief video to play on the City Channel (the privacy of property owners is maintained).

5. A professional historic property record is prepared by a certified historic preservation consultant. A copy of this research and any associated photographs or original source materials are provided to property owners for their records.

Most Notable Properties

What Does It Mean To Be A Most Notable Property?

For More Information:
Historic Preservation Commission
www.gocolumbiamo.com/Planning/Commissions/HPC

City of Columbia Community Development
701 E. Broadway Columbia, MO 65201
573.874.7239
www.gocolumbiamo.com/community_development

The National Register program is administered by the National Park Service through the Missouri State Historic Preservation Office
www.mostateparks.com
www.nps.gov/nr/

Columbia’s Historic Preservation Commission
Most Notable Properties

General Eligibility to Make the MNP List:
- Over 50 years old
- Located within the City of Columbia corporate limits
- May be a house, a park, or a workplace which is used residentially, industrially, or commercially
- May be endangered or derelict, recently restored or just nicely maintained

It does not matter if property is modest or grand, hidden-away or in the public view, as long as it plays a part in the history of architectural influences that help identify Columbia.

Program History

Historic Preservation strengthens the local economy, stabilizes property values, and fosters civic beauty, community pride, and the appreciation of local and national history. Recognizing the need to identify and promote properties contributing to Columbia’s rich past, present and future, the Most Notable Properties program was begun in 1998.

Some of the first properties that were distinguished in 1998 were The Blue Note, Jesse Hall, and Wabash Station.

I made the list as a Most Notable Property, now what happens?

First, the property and owners will be recognized and honored by the Commission at a reception and featured in a short film.

The property is filmed, photographed and researched, and this information is posted on the gocolumbiamo.com website, the Interactive Historic map, and perhaps even on a HPC walking tour.

The owner’s name is not listed online, though the owner would be in contact with the HPC during the nomination process.

Unlike some other historic designations, recognition as a Most Notable Property does not bestow any privileges, limitations or restrictions on the sale or alteration of the property.