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 ___________________________, 2011.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor
AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT dated this __________ day of ______________, 2011, 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 Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00).

4. This Agreement shall take effect on the date of its execution and shall remain in effect until September 30, 2011.

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

CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

By: __________________________
     Mike Matthes, City Manager

ATTEST:

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Sheela Amin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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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.

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John Blattel, Finance Director

BOONE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By: __________________________
Title: __________________________
June 1, 2011

Mike Hood
Director Parks and Recreation
Columbia Parks & Recreation
1 South 7th St
Columbia, Missouri 65201

Dear Mike Hood,

With 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 providing security in the park and upkeep of the site.

Working closely with Parks and Recreation, and with support from Society volunteers, and private funding, the Society will continue to keep the Maplewood House open for tours each Sunday, from April through September, and host Christmas at Maplewood in December, in partnership with the Maplewood Barn Theater Group. Funding will go toward cleaning and repairs to the interior furnishing of the house, brochures, publicity and promotion of the historic house.

John Fetters performs an invaluable service for both the museum and Nifong Park. During the summer months he cares for and feeds the animals in the petting zoo. In addition to the work he does as caretaker and his assistance with events, he augments Nifong Park security, overseeing the status and security of park buildings and gates.

For FY2011, we are formally requesting the funds which we understand has been appropriated in your current FY2011 budget, including $5,000 which goes toward the continued upkeep of Maplewood House; and $14,000, a contribution of approximately 40 percent of 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 the Society. We look forward to working with you during another successful year of serving the community.

Sincerely,

Jenifer Flink
BCHS Executive Director and Curator

Raymond A. Beck
BCHS President
EXECUTIVE 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 the Society $5,000 for services rendered and administering the historic buildings at Nifong Park.

DISCUSSION:
In the Department of Parks and Recreation’s FY-2011 budget, the City Council approved spending $5,000 for maintaining museum hours and for administering the Maplewood Farm Historic Site located at Nifong Park. The City and the Boone County Historical Society has been in partnership since the City’s acquisition of the Nifong Park in 1970. 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. In FY-2009, the funding had been reduced from $6,500 to the current $5,000 funding level.

Attached is a letter from the Historical Society outlining their operation and improvement plans and request funding for Fiscal Year 2011.

FISCAL IMPACT:
Funding at the $5,000 level was approved and appropriated in the FY-2011 budget.

VISION IMPACT:
The proposed agreement addresses Strategy #12.1.3, which encourages public/private cooperation/collaboration to acquire and develop parks, facilities and programs.

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