



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

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SUBJECT: Niles Barnard House Relocation

DATE: August 1, 2010

Background:

- On December 7, 2009, City Council approved an amended gift agreement between the City of Troy and the trustees of the Harriet F. Barnard Revocable Trust, extending the deadline to relocate the Niles-Barnard House to the Troy Museum & Historic Village to December 31, 2010.
- The City of Troy and the Troy Historical Society entered into a Letter of Agreement in January 2006, which established the roles and responsibilities of the City and the Troy Historical Society for the proposed museum expansion including the relocation and restoration of the Niles Barnard House.
- The Troy Historical Society purchased property that provides a relocation site and conveyed that property to the City for museum purposes. The property was rezoned CF (Community Facility) and was included in the locally designated historic district that includes the Troy Museum.
- The Planning Commission and City Council have reviewed and approved the Preliminary Site Plan for the relocation of the house. The Final Site Plan was submitted in July 2010.
- The Troy Historical Society has raised sufficient funds to relocate the house without the use of City funds. These restricted donations cannot be used for another purpose.
- The Niles-Barnard House on Livernois Road presents a liability. Relocation of the house from the Livernois Road site increases marketability of the property.

- The Troy Historical Society and City management plan for implementation of the project is as follows:
 - Relocate the house this year during good weather and complete the new foundation
 - Establish basic utility service to provide temporary heat and security for the building
 - Complete basic exterior repairs and site restoration at the museum site
 - Complete restoration of the Livernois Road site
- Work will commence with the demolition of garages that are adjacent or attached to the house and that are not scheduled to be relocated. This will allow archeology students from Oakland University time to conduct test digs under these structures.
- Hopkins Burns Design Studio has completed construction drawings for this project and is ready to work with the Troy Historical Society this summer to select a General Contractor and approved subcontractors to complete the project as outlined.
- All contractors will meet insurance requirements set by the City of Troy.
- Museum Manager Loraine Campbell with the Troy Historical Society's Heritage Campaign Committee co-chairmen and Hopkins Burns Design Studio will provide regular written project reports to City management.
- The Troy Historical Society will continue to raise funds to complete the restoration of the interior of the Niles-Barnard House.
- Completion of the project will fulfill the Gift Agreement between the City of Troy and the trustees of the Harriet F. Barnard Revocable Trust.

If there is a consensus of Council at the study session to proceed with the project as described, then an amended Letter of Agreement between the City of Troy and the Troy Historical Society will be provided to Council as an action item on the August 16, 2010 City Council Agenda.

Financial Considerations:

- As provided for in the 2006 agreement between the Troy Historical Society and the City, the Troy Historical Society is responsible for the costs related to the relocation of the house. The City will provide suitable in-kind staff support but no City funds will be used for this project.