



City of Fayetteville

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Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU: Telly C. Whitfield, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

FROM: Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director

DATE: January 11, 2021

RE:
Massey Hill Millhouse Preservation Project

COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):
District 2

Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal 4 - The City of Fayetteville will be a highly desirable place to live, work and recreate with thriving neighborhoods and a high quality of life for its citizens.

Executive Summary:

The Massey Hill Heritage Preservation Project has acquired a turn of the century Millhouse to be restored and designated as a community museum and meeting space. The Project has raised funds in excess of \$80,000 through private donation efforts for this endeavor. It is the intent of the group to restore the structure and donate it to the City of Fayetteville, where it will be used through its Historical Properties Division.

Background:

The Massey Hill area was once heavily occupied with textile mills, and rich with their history. A turn of the century millhouse, originally owned by a textile mill, has now been acquired by the Massey Hill Heritage Preservation Project and will soon be restored. Once restored to glory, it is the intent of the group to donate the structure to the City of Fayetteville.

The Massey Hill Preservation Project has raised funds in excess of \$80,000 through private donation efforts for this project. Mitigation efforts are currently underway to rectify environmental concerns on the millhouse. That work is being performed at the current site of the structure. Following approval from City Council and completion of mitigation work, the millhouse would be moved to the desired location on Camden Road at the Massey Hill Recreation Center. After relocation, restoration would proceed at an aggressive pace with the intent to open the facility to the public in late spring or early

summer, pending any delays due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Issues/Analysis:

N/A

Budget Impact:

The funding for relocation, restoration, and refurbishment will be covered by the Massey Hill Heritage Preservation Project. Once restored and accepted via donation, the City would operate the facility for an estimated \$5,835.00 annually.

Options:

City Council moves to approve the location of the millhouse at 1612 Camden Road and the acceptance of the donation of the facility following restoration.

City Council does not move to approve the location of the millhouse at 1612 Camden Road and the acceptance of the donation of the facility following restoration, and provides direction to staff.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends City Council move to approve the location of the millhouse at 1612 Camden Road and the acceptance of the donation of the facility following restoration.

Attachments:

Artist Rendering_Massey Hill Millhouse_12-28-2020.jpg
Massey Hill Millhouse Narrative_12-28-2020.pdf