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Honorable Mayor Gary Becker
Members of the Common Council
City Of Racine
730 Washington Avenue
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Re: Historic Preservation Subgrant for North Side Reconnaissance Survey

Honorable Mayor and members of the Common Council:

Please refer to the Finance and Personnel committee this request to be authorized to apply for a Historic Preservation Subgrant through the Wisconsin Historical Society. The subgrant we hope to secure will be used to fund the continuation of the Landmark Preservation Commission's ongoing efforts to document historically significant properties and lands within the city.

To date, the Commission has completed surveys for the areas of the south side, Downtown, Uptown, West Sixth Street and "T" Block, West Racine, the Knapp School neighborhood, State Street corridor, and most recently the Rubberville neighborhood. The focus of the current survey for which the Landmarks Commission now hopes to secure funding for is generally described as the near north side, extending from Downtown to the zoo, and from Lake Michigan to Memorial Drive.

Based on past projects of similar scale, it is estimated that the survey will cost up to \$25,000. This is estimated to be the amount of grant funds to be requested.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian F. O'Connell", is written over a large, stylized flourish.

Brian F. O'Connell
Director of City Development

cc. Mary Whitmann, Chair, Landmarks Preservation Commission